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Killer may be date from hell

Sonia Varaschin met and interacted with men on dating website PlentyOfFish.com

Police have strong suspicions that Sonia Varaschin may have met her killer on the dating site PlentyOfFish.com, the Toronto Star says.

Entering a new phase of the investigation, the Ontario Provincial Police taunted the killer at a news conference yesterday.

Using computer files seized from her Orangeville home at the time of her murder, police are tracking down the men who contacted Varaschin online to see if they can match up DNA evidence — or exclude them as suspects.

Only recently, DNA evidence recovered at the crime scene — in the form of semen, blood or saliva — was analyzed as likely belonging to her killer.

Varaschin, 42, was on a couple of dating sites while she had an on-and-off again relationship with a boyfriend. He has been cleared as a person of interest.

Police will not speculate if jealousy was a motive for the attack. Varaschin was reported missing Aug. 30. Her body was found Sept. 5 in a wooded area of Caledon.

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"We have your DNA and it's only a matter of time before we find out who you are."
OPP CONST. PETER LEON TALKING TO THE MEDIA ABOUT THE INVESTIGATION IN THE DEATH OF SONIA VARASCHIN

Festival. Name change

▶ Caribbean dancers attend yesterday's launch of the new name for the 44th annual festival formerly known as Caribana. This year it runs July 14 to Aug. 1.

HENRY STANCU/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Caribana by any name feels just as good

Organizers say those who attend the parade and other events at the popular summer festival, now known as the Scotiabank Toronto Caribbean Carnival, won't notice any real difference. There will still be lots of steel bands, dancers and people in elaborate and colourful costumes. The new name was necessary because of ongoing trademark issues around the old name. The festival attracts more than one million visitors to the city each year.

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Something fishy about their Facebook account

Devin Bloom doesn't often poke or friend anyone. And he barely ever posts. But he will use social media to fish for answers.

The U of T evolutionary biologist, whose sister secretly signed him up to Facebook, recently suggested that his fellow researchers use the site as a way to identify more than 5,000 fish caught during a scientific expedition to Guyana.

While Bloom returned to Toronto, his fellow researchers Brian Sidlauskas and Whit Bronaugh from Oregon State University uploaded photos of the catch to Facebook.

Within 24 hours, leading fish experts around the globe had identified about 90 per cent of the photos, and the team could provide the Guyanese government with an inventory — a requirement that allowed it to export its specimens.

"I can get that information, but it takes hours or days to be able to do that," said Sidlauskas, 34, an assistant professor of fisheries at Oregon State. "But to connect with people around the world meant I could get that information in five or 10 minutes."

If a fellow scientist couldn't identify a fish, they sent the photo to experts in Venezuela, France or Belgium. So little of the area's biodiversity is known that, in some cases, scientists could only narrow the identification down to one or two species, but Sidlauskas says even that ruled out thousands of others.

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▶ Devin Bloom

Witness who could not identify officer was his roommate: SIU

Investigators questioning cop's method used to identify officer in photograph from G20 summit

One of the police officers who could not name a colleague accused of beating Dorian Barton during the G20 last June was the suspect officer's roommate, according to the head of the Special Investigations Unit.

Furthermore, two of the other so-called witness officers to Barton's arrest were supervisors, Ian Scott told the Toronto Star.

"I'm not here to pass judgment," said a clearly frustrated Scott. "I'm just telling you what happened."

The SIU has been under fire after it concluded a week ago there was too little evidence to lay charges against any police officers even though a photographer witnessed the takedown and identified an officer he said struck Barton. He provided a photo of the officer to the SIU.

The SIU asked 11 officers to identify the cop in the photograph. Eight of them were within the direct vicinity of the aggressive takedown near Queen's Park, in which Barton, 30, suffered a broken right arm, black eye, swollen limbs and bruised back.

One of the witness officers was a G20 roommate of the officer in the photograph, Scott said.

"I don't know if they're telling the truth or not," he said. "I really don't know."

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▶ Ian Scott, head of the Special Investigations Unit.

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Police arrest six for identity theft

Real people allegedly sold their faces to make fake cards Brampton couple accused of being ringleaders

Peel police say they have cracked a crime network that allegedly used the faces of real people to make fake identity cards used to open phony bank and credit accounts.

The accounts were used to cash stolen cheques and bilk companies of more than $500,000, Insp. Colleen Fawcett said. Proceeds of the illicit scheme were used to make land purchases in the African nation of Ghana, she said.

Six people, including a Brampton couple accused of being the ringleaders of the operation, have been arrested following a seven-month investigation. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of a seventh.

Detectives released few details about how the scam organizers found people willing to let their photos be used on fake cards and then go into financial institutions to create the false accounts.

Const. Mike Plante would say only that the alleged "runners" were "down and out" people who were paid a fee for their faces.

"They're the ones who actually go into the financial institutions, carry all the fraudulent documents and open the bank accounts and deposit the cheques," he explained.

The alleged ringleaders would then withdraw all the money and manage the accounts, Plante said.

He said high-tech copying and printing make it easy for criminals to produce phony documents.

"We always seem to be behind the 8-ball, we're always trying to play catch up in our investigations," Plante said. "Fraud is one of the fastest growing crimes in Canada, especially in the identity theft side of it."

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Phishing

- Const. Mike Plante warned of sophisticated "phishing scams."
- These scams involve calls from criminals pretending to be from reputable companies asking for personal information, which lead to identity theft.

Case. Closed

▶ Kathrine Farris

COLIN MCCONNEL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Woman wins case after eight-year battle

After an eight-year struggle, Kathrine Farris, a Toronto woman, has won a sexual harassment case against her former employer, the Toronto branch of a commercial real estate company known as the Staubach group, founded by a former Dallas Cowboys quarterback.

Turn in empties for charity

Politicians hanging out at The Beer Store this weekend aren't looking for votes.

Local MPs and members of the provincial legislature will be trying to encourage patrons to donate the cash from returned beer, wine and liquor bottles to leukemia research.

The Returns for Leukemia campaign runs Saturday and Sunday at The Beer Stores across the province and the goal is to exceed the $1.065 million raised last year.

Returns for Leukemia is a fundraising partnership between the United Food and Commercial Workers — which represents employees of The Beer Store — and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada.

Volunteers, federal and provincial politicians and The Beer Store employees will be asking customers returning bottles to donate some or all of their deposits.

All of the money collected in the bottle drive will go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada.

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▶ Canadian singer/songwriter Robbie Robertson on his way to the unveiling of his Canada Post stamp yesterday at the Roots flagship store on Bloor Street.

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Honouring Canadian music legends

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City's children failing in fitness

Current provincial legislation mandates 20 minutes of daily physical activity at the elementary school level Fitness expert warns that's not enough

Only four per cent of Canadian girls and nine per cent of boys aged six to 19 are exercising enough — 40 to 60 minutes a day.

Toronto boys are 50 per cent more likely than girls to participate in secondary school sports.

And Toronto kids who walk to school are twice as likely to achieve recommended levels of exercise when compared to kids who catch rides. Sixty per cent of Toronto District School Board children live one to two kilometres from school — but only 28 per cent of them walk there.

These are some of the findings in a report released yesterday by Get Active Toronto, an initiative formed by public, voluntary and private sector organizations to address the "current epidemic of physical inactivity" in the GTA.

For the report, Get Active Toronto had Environics Analytics look at data on physical activity from a variety of sources, including the TDSB, the City of Toronto, Canadian Community Health Surveys and more.

If schools could mandate up to 60 minutes of physical activity per day, children would be in better shape, but it's not enough, Catriona Delaney, manager of Get Active Toronto, told a news conference.

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Culture's role

- **Income.** The report found that culture and income have a bearing on the physical activity of children and youth.
- **Extracurricular sports.** In Grades 9 to 12, Toronto students with parents born in Canada were found to be more likely to participate in school-based extracurricular sports activities (32 per cent weekly) compared to students with parents born outside Canada (22 per cent.)

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Patching up Pottery

Broadview-Bayview artery gets a long overdue $4.7-million makeover

Pottery Road fell off the city's radar more than a decade ago. But this summer, it's back on the grid.

The little stretch of road that connects Broadview and Bayview avenues is getting a $4.7-million extreme makeover. The plan includes a completely rebuilt road, new curbs, guardrails and a widened sidewalk and cycling lane on the south side.

The city will bury hydro and telephone wires, install new storm sewers and water mains and build a retaining wall to the north. New signs will mark the entrance to the Lower Don Valley trail.

The bad news, however, is the road is closed until Sept. 5.

The city is doing all of the work at once in order "to minimize the disturbance to the public," says Gord MacMillan, director of design and construction of city-owned infrastructure. "While it's disruptive, it will shorten the overall duration of construction if it was done through typical processes."

"There's always a backlog because funding levels do not meet the needs."
JOHN MENDE, DIRECTOR, TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

The kilometre-long stretch of asphalt, which carries about 18,000 cars up and out of the Don Valley daily, fell through the cracks of a $150-million repair backlog created when Toronto amalgamated in 1998. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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▶ The city is finally fixing Pottery Road, but the construction means the Don Valley route is closed until September.

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Hedge fund man jailed

Boaz Manor gets four years for defrauding thousands of investors

Boaz Manor, convicted of defrauding thousands of investors in a Toronto-based hedge fund once worth $800 million, has been sentenced to four years in jail.

The sentence was handed down yesterday by Justice Ian Nordheimer of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

Manor, 37, pleaded guilty in November to one count of money laundering funds obtained through breach of trust and one court of disobeying a court order.

The four-year sentence was reached through an agreement between the defence and Crown.

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▶ Boaz Manor, pictured in 2007, co-founded Portus Alternative Asset Management in 2003.

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Hudak's axe poised to chop civil servants

A Progressive Conservative government would fire hundreds of civil servants to find the cash for tax cuts and health care, party leader Tim Hudak says.

"My goal is to close down those agencies," he said yesterday, referring to the 14 Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) and Ontario Power Authority, which together employ about 700 people.

Hudak has described both as needless bureaucracies that contribute little to either health care or planning Ontario's long-term electricity needs.

With a provincial election approaching on Oct. 6, the Tory leader is under growing pressure to explain how he plans to fund his campaign promises, including billions of dollars to cut the HST on electricity and home heating fuel, and an injection of $6 billion into health care.

A Tory target

- The Conservatives have been gunning for Premier Dalton McGuinty as a poor guardian of the public purse as well as over spending scandals like that at eHealth Ontario.
- Last week eHealth was forced to scrap plans to give out merit raises and bonuses to the majority of its employees.

"We are going to spend less money than the Liberals," said Hudak.

Premier Dalton McGuinty said the Hudak promises simply don't add up, raising the spectre of other cuts.

"Somebody at some point in time is going to have to put a question to him: Where are you going to get that money?" McGuinty said.

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▶ People search through the wreckage of a neighbourhood struck by a tornado yesterday in Piedmont, Okla.

Storms pummel central U.S. again

Heavy rain, strong winds were forecast for most of region Parts of affected area also under tornado watch

Violent storms rumbled through the central U.S. yesterday, spawning tornadoes that turned homes into splintered wreckage, killing at least 14 people over two days and hampering rescue efforts in a city slammed by a massive twister days earlier.

The new cluster of storms, which followed a system that spawned the massive twister that killed more than 125 people in Joplin, Mo., Sunday, moved into the Oklahoma City area Tuesday evening as worried commuters rushed home.

Several tornadoes touched down in Oklahoma City and its suburbs, killing at least eight people and injuring at least 70 others, authorities said. Among those killed was a 15-month-old boy, and searchers were looking for his missing three-year-old brother.

The storms killed two people in Kansas and four in Arkansas, and may have killed a man in Texas whose burned body was found near a downed power line.

A storm advancing from the south set off tornado sirens in and around Kansas City, Mo., yesterday, where at least two weak tornadoes touched down. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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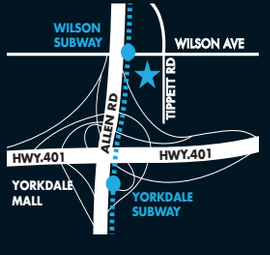

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Appeal rejected in sex case

Ontario's highest court has rejected an appeal by a man convicted of sexually assaulting a young girl while he was dating her mother.

A Sudbury jury convicted Philip LeBrocq on six counts of sexual assault in October 2009.

Court heard the assaults ranged from fondling to intercourse and spanned a period starting when the girl was seven to 10 years old and ending when she was 13.

LeBrocq's appeal argued that the trial judge erred in dismissing an application to introduce evidence that the girl had previously accused another of her mother's boyfriends of sexually assaulting her.

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Doctor Who's tweed trouble

Genuine Harris Tweed must be made from virgin wool

A small Newfoundland company has been drawn into an international dispute involving its bid to replicate a tweed jacket worn by the lead actor in Doctor Who, the perennially popular British sci-fi TV show.

AbbyShot Clothiers of Mount Pearl, N.L., won't comment on the fabric fracas. It specializes in making replicas of clothing worn in movies, TV shows and computer games. But Scottish MP Angus MacNeil has taken aim at BBC Worldwide for its decision to offer fans a replica jacket made from cloth woven in China instead of the Outer Hebrides — home of the famous Harris Tweed mills.

Actor Matt Smith wore a vintage Harris Tweed jacket when he first appeared as the show's 11th time-travelling alien last season.

BBC Worldwide said the jacket made by AbbyShot is based on a new tweed blazer Smith is wearing this season, which is not Harris Tweed.

"We want to provide (fans) with the closest possible replica to what they see on screen," said senior BBC Worldwide press officer Emma Finlay.

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The return to Slave Lake

Residents of charred Alberta town could return home as early as tomorrow after May 15 wildfire, officials say

Officials outlined a three-stage plan yesterday to send essential workers home first followed by workers at major businesses to empty streets of Slave Lake in northern Alberta. The rest of the 7,000 residents could end nearly two weeks of exile as early as tomorrow.

"It's very exciting for us," said Mayor Karina Pillay-Kenny. "It's probably precedent-setting and we couldn't have done it without all the resources."

A raging wildfire devastated whole blocks of homes and businesses. Neighbourhoods were flattened. Houses burned to their foundations and yards reduced to ashy tundra. Hundreds of vehicles were incinerated. Businesses and government offices were reduced to tangled piles of rubble. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Situation

- Power is fully restored and natural gas is available in areas that weren't destroyed, the mayor said. Water is also running, although a boil water advisory remains in effect.
- Telephone service has been restored and about 1,000 phones are available for those who lost theirs.

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▶ Carlee Derkoch, 11, hugs her father in Athabasca, Alta., earlier this week prior to him boarding a bus to tour their burnt-out neighbourhood in Slave Lake.

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▶ Two-time U.S. presidential candidate John Edwards and his wife, Elizabeth, who died of cancer in December.

John Edwards probe done

Ex-U.S. politician's attorneys are confident he did not misuse campaign funds Investigation has lasted 2 years

U.S. federal prosecutors have completed a wide-ranging investigation into John Edwards' political dealings and could indict the two-time Democratic presidential candidate within days, a person familiar with the matter said yesterday.

Edwards could still strike a plea deal to avoid an indictment, said the source.

U.S. investigators have been probing Edwards for more than two years. Their interest spanned much of Edwards' political career, looking into issues such as whether he did anything improper during his time in the U.S. Senate. It looked into a network of organizations connected to Edwards, including a non-profit and political action committees.

Much of the investigation focused on money that eventually went to keep mistress Rielle Hunter in hiding along with former campaign aide Andrew Young, who claimed paternity of Hunter's child in 2007 so Edwards could continue his White House campaign without the affair tarnishing his reputation.

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Demand soars for military dogs

More adoption requests for retired U.S. canines after helping Navy SEALs in Osama bin Laden mission

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▶ Chyba, a 12-year-old former military dog who served in Iraq with the army, at the Rancho Coastal Humane Society in Encinitas, Calif.

Life after the military is looking brighter than ever for America's four-legged veterans since one of their own helped in the mission to kill Osama bin Laden.

War dog organizations say the number of people asking about adopting retired military canines has risen dramatically since the mission involving Cairo, the Navy SEALs dog tasked with tracking anyone who tried to escape from bin Laden's compound and alerting the special operations forces to anyone approaching.

While about 300 retired U.S. military dogs are put up for adoption each year, military officials say they have received more than 400 adoption applications in the three weeks since the May 2 raid. In past generations, most military dogs were euthanized once their tours of duty were done.

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▶ French authorities have mobilized 12,252 gendarmes and troops, backed by naval patrols in the English Channel and surveillance aircraft, to protect G8 leaders in Deauville, France.

'Leave Internet alone'

Activists warn G8 that web is a fundamental human right ◐ France's Sarkozy favours real-world regulation

Global leaders who attempt to limit access to the web will be sent packing and their governments will become irrelevant, Internet activists and digital entrepreneurs warned yesterday, on the eve of the Group of Eight meetings in France.

The stark message adds to growing resistance — from Google, Twitter and anonymous Internet vigilantes — against creeping laws that could restrict services many now take for granted.

The G8 is meeting for two days to discuss issues of global concern in the wake of the Arab uprisings that have been described as the first Internet-enabled revolutions.

"G8 governments should say very clearly that Internet access is a fundamental human right," said Jean-Francois Julliard, who heads the free speech group Reporters Without Borders.

Activist Nadine Wahab said the lesson from the successful uprisings in Egypt and Tunisia should be: "Leave the Internet alone."

"It doesn't belong either to companies, nor the governments nor the G8."

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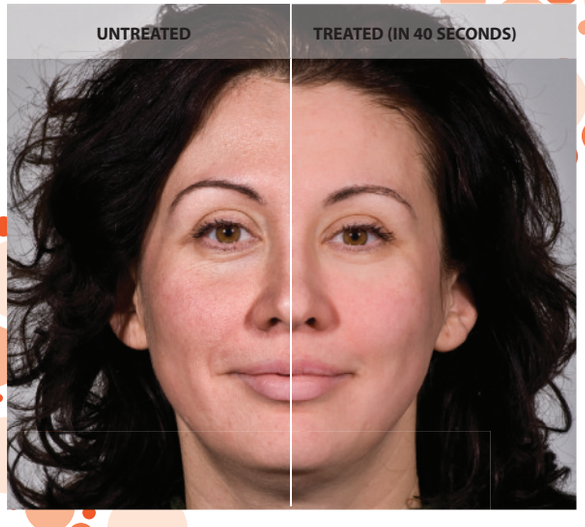

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Hacking victims blasé with Sony

Little fallout expected by people Complaints centre on entertainment giant's communication

David Campbell found out yesterday morning he was one of 2,000 Sony Ericsson customers from Canada whose personal data had been stolen and posted online for anyone to see.

He's been through a case of online fraud before and is resigned to the fact that information stored on the web is at risk. So he wasn't overly concerned to learn that his name and email were being shared by hackers. But he doesn't appreciate that Sony didn't alert him to the latest security breach to hit the entertainment giant.

"I guess (the data breach) is disappointing but in this modern day you'd probably be a little foolish to think that anything's safe," said Campbell, who works with the Stratford Shakespeare Festival.

Sony has been hit with a number of hacker attacks in recent weeks, the most notable coming last month and affecting more than 100 million accounts of PlayStation Network and Qriocity users. Names, birth dates, email addresses and log-ins were compromised. The company said in a statement issued yesterday that hackers on Sony Ericsson's Canadian site only accessed email addresses and encrypted passwords.

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Energy. Switzerland

▶ A plume of evaporated cooling water streams out of the nuclear power plant in Goesgen, Switzerland.

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Swiss mull nuclear plan

The Swiss cabinet yesterday called for the decommissioning of the country's five nuclear power reactors and new energy sources to replace them.

Molson dynasty rules beer giant again

A seventh generation of the Molson family is taking the helm of Molson Coors as the brewer seeks to extend its global reach into emerging countries.

Andrew Molson, 43, becomes chairperson today, replacing Peter Coors as part of the biennial shift between the beer company's founding families.

The change comes as Molson celebrates its 225th anniversary of its entry into the Canadian beer industry.

Molson told shareholders yesterday the company plans to grow international sales of its existing Coors Light, Carling and Molson Canadian brands and pursue acquisitions.

Its international division grew beer volume by 27 per cent in 2010.

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BARGAINING TABLE

Post office won't shut this week

Canada Post said yesterday there is enough time to negotiate a "fair and reasonable" settlement with postal workers since there's no potential for a strike this week.

Both sides were back at the table yesterday to continue negotiations aimed avoiding a labour disruption.

"With no potential for a strike this week, there is plenty of time to negotiate a fair and reasonable deal," Canada Post said in a statement.

Under labour laws, each side has to give 72 hours' notice before beginning a strike or lockout.

Canada Post rejected its union's latest contract proposal Tuesday, saying the offer would increase labour costs by $1.4 billion but then made a counter-proposal.

"Even with a continued decline in mail volumes and a $3-billion pension solvency deficit, Canada Post has tabled a competitive counter-offer to CUPW that gives employees better wages and protects their pensions and job security," the Crown corporation said yesterday.

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Abrupt exit for Tim Hortons CEO

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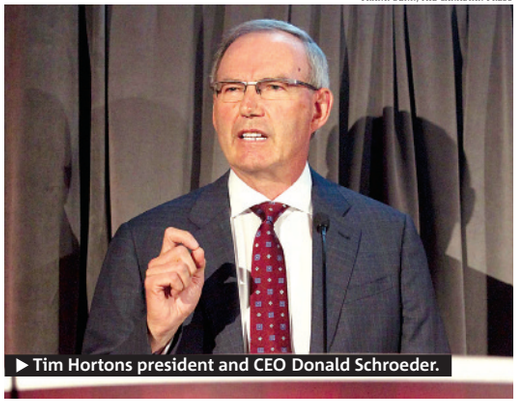

▶ Tim Hortons president and CEO Donald Schroeder.

Tim Hortons is hiring — Canada's No. 1 coffee chain is looking for a new leader after the abrupt departure of its CEO. The company announced yesterday that Don Schroeder, 65, no longer serves as president and CEO after three years at the helm and two decades as an employee.

Tim Hortons' board said it believes a change at the top at this time is best for the company. In the meantime, executive chairman Paul House, who has previously held the position of president and CEO, will take on the role on an interim basis.

The board said it was already engaged in comprehensive succession planning for the CEO position as part of its strategic planning.

Tim Hortons did not say why Schroeder was leaving so suddenly, but Brian Yarbrough, a retail analyst at Edward Jones in St. Louis, believes the fact that it could not reach a "transitional arrangement" is key.

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Yahoo soothes Wall Street

Yahoo CEO Carol Bartz assured stock market analysts that the Internet company is trying to repair the damage caused by a recent change in a key investment, Alibaba Group, in China.

Bartz made her remarks yesterday at the start of a six-hour meeting scheduled to update Wall Street on Yahoo's turnaround strategy.

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Blockbuster brand plays starring role

Despite hard times, Blockbuster Canada's brand power could make it an attractive acquisition target, even as it closes stores while Canadians increasingly turn to new technology to watch movies.

But industry experts say stores would need to sell a wider variety of merchandise if they want to survive long term. Dish Network bought the U.S. locations.

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Europeans say China is unfair

- 20% of firms look to suspend or reduce investments
- Wind power companies scrapping plans to invest

A growing number of European companies in China believe they are being treated unfairly by the government and expect discrimination to increase, a business group said.

The European Chamber of Commerce in China's report adds to mounting complaints that Beijing is violating its free-trade pledges as it tries to build up technology industries and global competitors.

The chamber said 43 per cent of 598 European companies surveyed see Beijing discriminating against foreign businesses, up from 33 per cent in a similar survey last year. It said 46 per cent expect the problem to get worse over the next two years, up from 36 per cent last year.

WTO pledges

Despite three decades of reform, China's heavily regulated economy is dominated by state-owned companies.

- Beijing is trying to build up "national champions" in industries from banking to oil to shipping, prompting complaints it is violating the spirit of pledges it made when it joined the World Trade Organization.

Beijing has pledged to treat foreign and domestic companies equally but Chinese producers in computers, clean energy and other fields receive subsidies and preferential treatment in government purchasing.

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CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG?

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO

I have a stunning secret to reveal about cars and bicycles: *They're controlled by people.*

Weird, huh? It sounds Soylent Green, but it's true. If you look closely and aren't blinded by anger, you might even see a "cyclist" or "driver" yourself.

This little-known nugget must be revealed because I have bought a bicycle. I haven't ridden it yet because the shop is adding all the doodads needed in the modern urban cycling environment — pre-made legal forms, James Bond-style nail strip, basket with a flower on the front — but soon I'll be a cyclist.

In other words, I'm about to get a new perspective on the long-running feud that is Cars vs. Bikes. (Note the dehumanifying.)

What has always amazed me about this conflict is that the vast majority of people have both biked and driven cars. Everybody is on both sides. Yet to hear the "discussion" you would assume it was two different species that only ever contact each other on North America's roadways.

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Why? My theory is that each group has an Idiot Quotient that ends up dominating the discussion; we literally remember the hits and forget the misses.

The worst cyclists, for instance, seem to compensate for their small carbon footprint by taking up as much roadway as possible. They also have a sort of persecution complex, where they see every open car door as an attempt to injure. And while I have some tolerance for bikes on sidewalks, it's unacceptable to barrel down a sidewalk like Fred Flintstone stuck in his runaway Stoneway piano yelling, "Make way!"

The worst drivers, meanwhile, start complaining about The War on the Car if anything slows them down, including inertia. Never mind that they can get home faster than any human in history. If a Star Trek transporter beam existed and a three-minute delay could save the Alpha Quadrant, people would rant about The War on the Beam and how it's their right to use the fastest, space-time continuum-tearingest transporter available.

So I get it: Some of the anger on both sides is justified. But as someone with both a driver's licence and a bicycle, I say it's time for a new era.

After all, are we not human? If you scratch our vehicles, do we not curse and try to remove it with our thumb? If you wrong us, shall we not give you the finger and say, "Can you believe that guy?"

We must put aside our differences, stop stereotyping each other and remember our shared, common goal: Hatred of pedestrians. Those people are idiots, am I right?

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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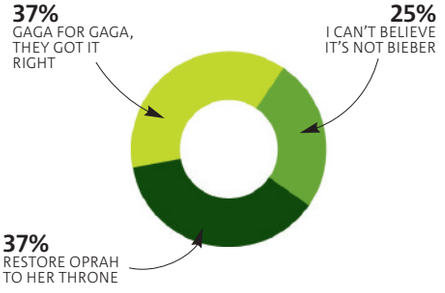
What do you think of Lady Gaga dethroning Oprah Winfrey as the most powerful celebrity in the world, according to Forbes?



Local tweets

- **@aliciainsanally:** Caribana now belongs to Scotiabank, renamed: "Scotiabank Caribbean Carnival"
- **@tribemagazine:** City of Toronto to be renamed Scotiabank Toronto City #cdnpoli #toronto
- **@missgonzalez07:** Lmao. Noooobody is gonna call caribana "the scotiabank caribbean carnival" ...
- **@suckersarestuck:** BREAKING! 'Pride' renamed: Bell Scotiabank LGBT+ Peoples Walking on Streets Not Being Political Gathering.
- **@craigmacbride:** FYI: I'm changing my name to Scotiabank Craig MacBride, hoping to become richer than I think.
- **@alwain:** Don't be mad about Caribana, pretty soon corporate sponsorship will take over everything.
- **@gyouzwyshyn:** Still can't believe the #Canucks punched their ticket to the big dance ... Work is long today
- **@tylermidd:** Each time Canada has hosted the olympics the following year that city's team has won the stanley cup #hockeyfacts #canucks #interesting

Worth mentioning

LONDON. Canada has cracked the top 10 in a global security assessment that ranks countries based on how peaceful they are.

The Global Peace Index ranked Canada eighth out of 153 countries, a six-spot jump over last year.

The index, produced by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), suggests North America overall has improved slightly thanks in part to Canada's rise in the rankings. The United States was 82nd, compared to 85th last year. The index says if the U.S. reduced its violent crime rates to that of Canada's, the U.S. economy and its state governments could save billions of dollars on correctional services, health care and lost tax revenue.

Iceland regained the top spot after slipping in last year's index following violent demonstrations related to the collapse of its financial system, while Libya tumbled 83 spots to 143 in the largest drop in the index's history.

Overall, the index found the world is less peaceful for the third straight year.

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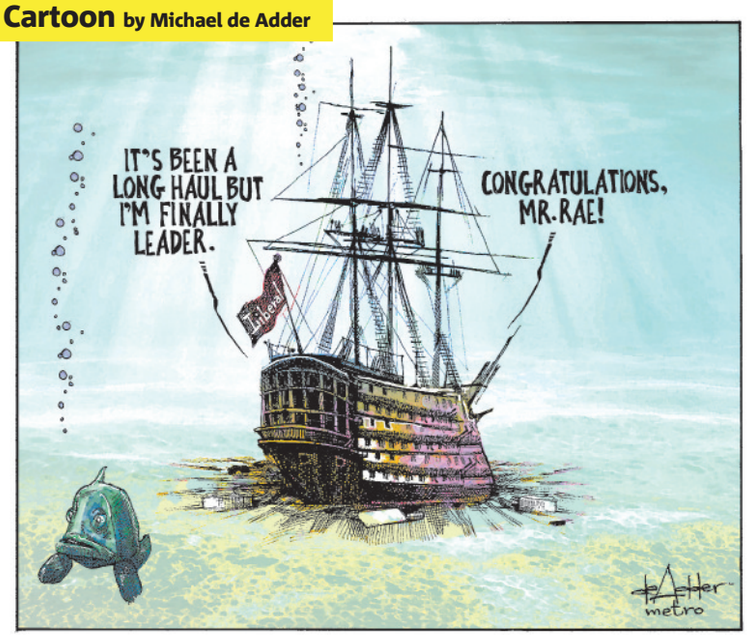

WEIRD NEWS

Margaritaville has moved to a Mexican prison

Some prisoners learn woodworking or licence-plate making. But bartending?

A prison workshop in northern Mexico where inmates were supposed to be learning trades was found to contain a bar behind bars — complete with beer, vodka, tequila and billiard tables.

Federal police and local authorities discovered the bar Monday at a minimum-security prison in the northern state of Chihuahua, the state attorney general's office said in a statement.

Seized from the site were 20 bottles of vodka, 12 bottles of tequila, and 200 beer cans. Police also found three guns, 20 cellphones, 180 individual doses of marijuana and 90 doses of heroin.

The prison's deputy director was fired yesterday and prison guards are under investigation, said Jorge Chaires, a spokesman for the state's prosecutor for prisons.

Also yesterday, guards conducting a routine check at a prison in the northern state of Tamaulipas discovered 17 inmates missing, the state's Public Safety Department said in a statement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Script Tease takes improv to next level

Trio brings improv and theatre worlds together Company players act out first two pages of a script, then improvise the rest of the play

BACKSTAGE PASS

IAN GORMELY
METRO TORONTO

It's a common misconception that the worlds of acting and improv are separate. But the reality is, all actors can improvise, just like all improv actors can stand still and be serious, even if they typically choose not to.

But the three-year-old National Theatre of the World Improv Company is challenging these traditional notions with their self-described "adult-prov."

"Our mandate is to bring the improvisation and the theatre worlds together," says company member and co-founder Matt Baram.

To that end, Baram, along with fellow co-founders Ron Pederson and Naomi Sniekus, created the Impromptu Splendor show. The idea was to slow down the rapid pace of traditional improv and see how far the trio could take a story without making a joke.

"We'll take a famous playwright or novelist like Salinger or Steinbeck, research their work and then improv a play in the style of," says Pederson. "Our thing is to not go out and make fun of Tennessee Williams. We always say if someone stumbled into the theatre and saw us in action, they'd think 'Is this a Tennessee Williams play?'"

Impromptu Splendor: Script Tease is the latest twist in the long-running series. Running through May 29 at Theatre Passe Muraille, 10 playwrights, including Daniel MacIvor and Judith Thompson, were asked to write the first two pages of a script, title it and pop the pages into a sealed envelope.

The company players will open each envelope on performance night, act out the first two pages and then improvise the rest of the play.

"Instead of just doing these homages to playwrights, we thought we'd just ask the ones we know to write two pages to inspire us or launch us into things," says Baram. "It's funny because I've never been hired by any of these playwrights to be in one of their plays, but I've surreptitiously gotten myself hired by all of them, by hiring them."

Woody

While the playwrights tapped many Canadian theatre luminaries to take part in Script Tease, Woody Harrelson's name sticks out.

- **The Cheers actor** got involved in a roundabout way. While getting takeout at Fresh, Baram ran into Marcello Cabezas who was producing the actor's play, A Bullet for Adolf, and told Cabezas about Script Tease.
- **Much to Baram's surprise,** Cabezas responded with, "Why haven't you asked Woody?" An even bigger surprise, though, was that the Hollywood star said yes. "So this is all you have to do?" jokes Baram. "You just have to go outside?"

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▶ From left, Matt Baram, Naomi Snieckus and Ron Pederson of The National Theatre of the World.

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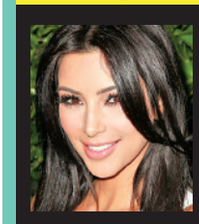
Wedding bells



Another hoops star will join the Kardashian clan. People magazine reported yesterday that reality star Kim Kardashian is engaged to her boyfriend of six months, New Jersey Nets forward Kris Humphries.
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The Hangover: Part II
Genre: Comedy
Director: Todd Phillips
Stars: Bradley Cooper, Zach Galifianakis, Ed Helms
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Todd Philips' blockbuster The Hangover most definitely captured lightning in a bottle. But the clever premise also shows that unfortunately lightning rarely strikes twice.

It's not that The Hangover: Part II isn't without its funny moments. From a scene-stealing capuchin monkey to a revealing encounter involving transvestites in a Bangkok strip club, there are plenty of laughs. But because Philips closely copies the structure of the 2009 hit, the gags are less surprising.

The boys head to Thailand for Stu's (Ed Helms) upcoming wedding and end up losing the bride's young brother, crossing paths with a gangster (Paul Giamatti) and taking guardianship of an old monk. Even if those gags don't resonate as much as the original film, fans should still be entertained enough. ◍ STEVE GOW

Kung Fu Panda 2
Genre: Animation
Director: Jennifer Yuh Nelson
Stars: Jack Black, Angelina Jolie, Gary Oldman
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There's no reason for movies about nauseatingly cute CGI animals battling in kung fu to be as entertaining as the Kung Fu Panda series, but Dreamworks Animation has stumbled onto a magic formula that's now produced a sequel on par with the original.

Kung Fu Panda 2 returns to Jack Black's big bellied panda who must now use the skills he acquired in the first film to take on a devious peacock (Gary Oldman) who plans to take over China and destroy kung fu, while also trying to find his real parents.

The balance between thrills, humour, and heart feels even more effective in Jennifer Yuh Nelson's sequel, but don't expect the depth of a Pixar movie. The Kung Fu Panda series is more about giddy entertainment. ◍ PHIL BROWN

Invisible Eye
Genre: Drama
Director: Diego Lerman
Stars: Julieta Zylberberg, Osmar Nunez, Marta Lubos
◍◍◍½

A deeply disturbing movie (in the best possible way) about a teacher (Julieta Zylberberg) working at a uptight Argentinean private school. She starts observing the boys to catch misbehavior, leading to long stints hiding in the boy's bathroom and a crush on one of her students. Lerman directs with extraordinary tension and Zylberberg gives an amazingly controlled performance. ◍ PHIL BROWN

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Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) Thu 12:30-2:50-5:05-7:10-9:20

VARSITY
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The Hangover Part II (18A) No Passes Thu 12:30-3:40-6:40-9:30 No Passes Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10 No Passes Thu 12:55-3:25-6:25-9:15

YONGE-EGLINTON CENTRE
2300 Yonge St., 416-544-1236

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YONGE & DUNDAS 24
10 Dundas St East, 416-977-2642

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Invisible Eye (STC) Thu 1-3:15-6:45-9

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AURORA CINEMAS
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COLOSSUS 19
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FIRST MARKHAM PLACE
3275 Hwy 7 E., 905-474-5101

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▶ Lady Gaga is using new ways to promote her new album.

Gaga builds hype for new album

The release of a pop star's album usually comes with the typical cross-marketing splash — strategic magazine covers, a few major TV appearances, and perhaps a cosmetics or fashion deal to remind the public a new project awaits.

Yet the social media-powered blitz connected to this week's drop of Lady Gaga's third album, Born This Way, is bordering on epic, with partnerships ranging from Starbucks to FarmVille, and virtual giveaways of the album's 17 tracks. It also represents the kind of bold, new business model that could help rejuvenate a deflated music industry.

Gaga already had a slew of magazine covers, from Rolling Stone to Vogue, and appeared on every high profile show, from Oprah Winfrey to American Idol to Saturday Night Live, as well as her own HBO concert special.

But she hasn't stopped there. Starbucks — typically home to easy-on-the-ears artists like Emmylou Harris — is selling her album as well as launching a "digital scavenger hunt" for Gaga-inspired goods; Google Chrome debuted a commercial with Gaga with a track from the album; the online fashion outlet Gilt Groupe partnered with Gaga to offer Gaga-inspired clothing and VIP performances; Best Buy is giving away the album to anyone who purchases a mobile phone with a contract; and Zynga, creator of the popular online game FarmVille, created GagaVille, which allowed fans access to exclusive Gaga songs.

As if that wasn't enough, on Monday, Amazon.com sold Born This Way for just 99 cents as a promotion for their new music cloud service, creating a demand so strong it disrupted the online retailing giant's servers for a short time.

And it looks like the campaigns are paying off: Gaga's album is estimated to sell anywhere between a half-million to a million copies when the top album charts are revealed next week.

"It was really about expanding the distribution on this album and going into as many non-traditional retail partnerships and non-traditional marketing partnerships as possible," Gaga's manager, Troy Carter, told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "Just with the diminishing music labels, you want to find quality partners where you know you can reach new audiences and being able to push boundaries as well."

Among the promotions connected with Born This Way is the Disney Mobile Tapulous game Tap Tap Revenge, which gives fans access to the entire album and other content if they buy the game, Born This Way Revenge, for $4.99. It's the first time Tapulous has put out 17 tracks with a game for that price.

Tim O'Brien, vice-president of business development at Disney Mobile, said this was the third deal with Gaga, resulting in the total sale of five million songs so far.

While they've worked with other pop artists with their Tap Tap Revenge app, he said Gaga — who has 10 million followers on Twitter and was recently crowned Forbes' most influential celebrity in part because of her tens of millions of followers online — is an act with unique appeal.

"I've never seen anything as powerful as when Gaga hits her social media channels compared to anyone else that we've worked with," he said. "I've never seen anything like it in terms of how she's utilizing social media."

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Editor Gaga

Metro. On Tuesday, May 17, Lady Gaga served as global guest editor-in-chief for Metro papers across the world, including the nine Metro's in Canada. If you missed that edition, go to metronews.ca to catch up.

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Oprah says her goodbyes

Winfrey ends her last show with no guests Bare-bones finale for talk show host after 25 years on the air

Oprah Winfrey walked on stage for her talk show finale yesterday to a standing ovation from her studio audience before thanking her viewers for watching for a quarter of a century.

"Twenty-five years and I'm still saying 'Thank you America,"' Winfrey said. "Thank you so much. There are no words to match this moment."

Winfrey told them that sometimes she was a teacher, but more often her viewers taught her. She called the episode her "last class."

The show's first moment was a clip of Winfrey's first show. She taped the last episode of The Oprah Winfrey Show on Tuesday in Chicago.

Winfrey was the only person on stage with little background music and very short flashback clips.

"When she came out, her appearance, the way she stepped on stage and the message she brought about finding yourself, your purpose," said audience member Wanda Nash, 47, of Chicago, an executive assistant and foster parent. "It was all about Oprah."

Winfrey kissed and hugged her longtime partner, Stedman Graham, and made her way through the halls of Harpo Studios, saying goodbye to her staff, audience members said.

Winfrey announced in November 2009 that she would end her popular talk show after 25 years.

Tuesday's taping came a week after Hollywood's A-list and 13,000 fans bid Winfrey farewell during a double-episode extravaganza at Chicago's United Center. They were just a few of the approximately 30,000 guests on the show over 25 years.

The bare-bones final taping had its share of celebrities in the audience including Tyler Perry, Maria Shriver, Suze Orman and Cicely Tyson, but none of them joined Winfrey on stage.

The show received 1.4 million ticket requests throughout its final season, the company said.

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▶ Kimberly Adams of Chicago stands outside Harpo Studios before the final taping of The Oprah Winfrey Show in Chicago, Tuesday. The finale aired yesterday.

Comics take last shots at Oprah

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▶ Oprah Winfrey

While many reacted to the final episode of The Oprah Winfrey Show with tears and emotion, comedians found punch lines.

On Jimmy Kimmel Live, Kimmel sang goodbye by performing the song End of the Road with R&B group Boyz II Men.

David Letterman, whose up-and-down relationship with Winfrey has long been chronicled, earlier lamented not being invited to the farewell gala in Chicago.

"Honest to God," said Letterman, "Every day, I get out of bed and think, What can I do to suck up to Oprah?"

Many turned to social media to contemplate a post-Oprah world.

Among the notable comments made on Twitter were these:

• "Apparently Oprah is responsible for life on our planet as we know it." - Kevin Nealon.

• "I miss both Oprah and Osama. Is there a way to pair them up for something?" - Michael Ian Black.

• "Oprah Winfrey is so powerful that she had the Rapture postponed until after her final show airs." - Joan Rivers.

• "It seems so unfair! Without Oprah, how are publishers going to continue their cross-fingers/hope-to-win-the-lottery business plan?" - John Hodgman.

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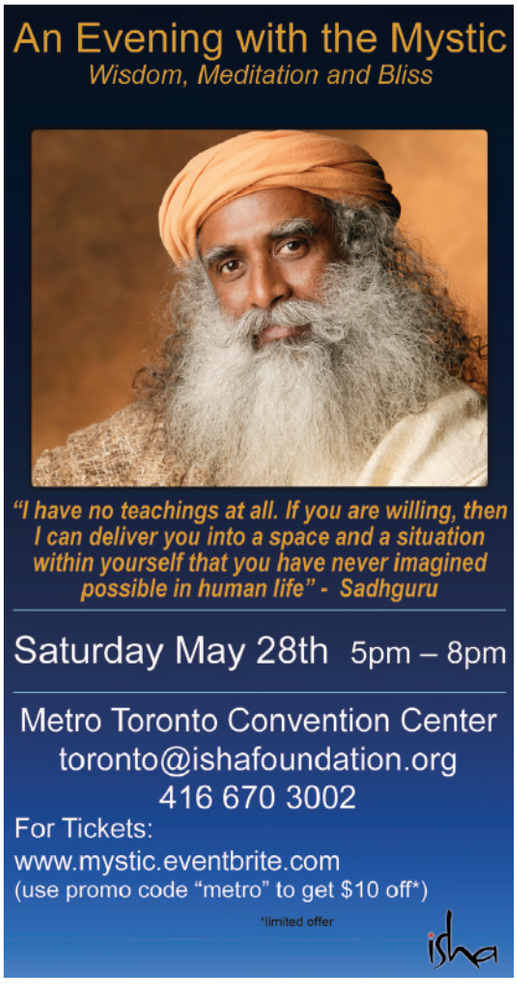

Putting the hammer down on kissing Leo

J. Edgar star opens up about his new make out scene with co-star DiCaprio

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▶ Armie Hammer

For his latest film, J. Edgar, Social Network star Armie Hammer faced a new challenge: making out with Leonardo DiCaprio.

"It's the same kind of thing as if you walk onto a set and they hand you a machine gun and (say), 'Shoot this like you know what you're doing.' — You kind of have to go, 'OK, I know what I'm doing,' and you've just got to go for it," Hammer tells Just Jared.

"It wasn't weird — I have never kissed a guy — it's not something I'm going to do in my private life, but at the end of it I was, like, man, there is a lot of weird hype."

One person who is definitely OK with Hammer and DiCaprio locking lips is Hammer's wife, Elizabeth Chambers.

"When I signed on to do the movie, she was thrilled that I just didn't have to kiss another woman," Hammer says of her reaction. METRO

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Talking points

Shriver hires private eye to look at some of the rumours

MORE CHILDREN? Maria Shriver will likely be filing for divorce by the end of the week, according to Entertainment Tonight.

And earlier this week, Radar Online reports, the former California first lady is said to have hired a private investigator to dig into husband Arnold Schwarzenegger's past.

"The investigator will likely look into the claims that he fathered multiple children, outside their marriage," a source says. "Maria has heard the rumors and she wants to find out one way or another, if those claims are true."

Another person completely caught off guard by news of Arnold Schwarzenegger's love child with former employee Mildred Baena is her ex-husband, Rogelio Baena, who tells Entertainment Tonight he thought the child was his and only learned the truth a week ago. METRO

Celebrity tweets

We all end up on twitter. Welcome!

@GarryShandling

@taylorswift13

"It's the guy who played Chew-baca's birthday today so we made a cake."

@Pink

"this baby just drop kicked me in the ribs. fight fair!"

@joelmchale

"Saw @johnlegend destroy at the Sony TV event tonight. His voice melted three women that were standing too close. So good."

Coppola getting ready to marry

KISS THE RING? Sofia Coppola is planning to marry her longtime boyfriend and the father of her children, French rocker Thomas Mars, according to Us Weekly.

The happy couple will reportedly exchange vows at Palazzo Margherita, Francis Ford Coppola's 19th century villa in southern Italy.

Coppola and Mars have two daughters: Romy, 4, and Cosima, 23 months. Coppola was previously married to director Spike Jonze, but they divorced in 2003. METRO

Going buck Wilde with Cooper

Just a month after being spotted out with Justin Timberlake, recently divorced Olivia Wilde is reportedly dating Bradley Cooper, according to Life & Style.

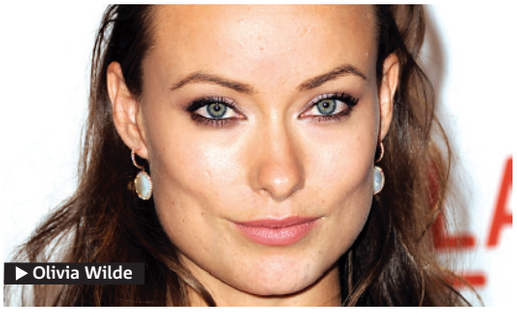
"Olivia was Bradley's date," a source says of the two, who attended the Hangover Part II premiere party in New York together.

"He was always taking her hand or putting his hand on her lower back, it was really sweet. He took care of her all night."

Other attendees of the party concurred with that assessment.

"They were definitely together," adds another source.

"They seemed really comfortable with each other." METRO


▶ Olivia Wilde

ALEJANDRO INGELMO.

FASHION'S FUTURE SOLE STAR

Alejandro Ingelmo is a fourth generation shoe maker who, for the second time, is up for a prestigious CFDA award He likes sci-fi and hates kitten heels.

KENYA HUNT
METRO WORLD NEWS

It's warm and humid outside and his London showroom doesn't have air conditioning.

But somehow Alejandro Ingelmo manages to look cool, clean and crisp in his white button-down shirt and tie as he walks me through his collection.

His classic, slightly restrained, retro appearance is a bit deceptive, though. This is a man who makes shoes that ooze sex of the futuristic, rock and roll variety and appeal to mega-celebrities like Beyoncé, Jay-Z, Madonna and Justin Timberlake.

Women who frequent the mecca that is his New York store have claimed that his tall stilettos elicit visceral reactions like shortness of breath and heart palpitations. Lucky for you, his e-commerce shop will launch in a few weeks.

Has the fact that you come from such a long line of shoe cobblers helped your career at all?

Well I think I had a harder time. I went to Parsons and went in a totally different direction from my family. I didn't get any help from them. My dad is proud of me, but he doesn't understand what I do at all [laughs].

Are there any common footwear faux pas that you see on the street that make you wince?

I hate those platform shoes with the see-saw on the bottom. What are they called? They're supposed to get rid of cellulite.

But what's the point of those things? They're so bad, and they're everywhere. And I know you girls like them, but Uggs are just Ugg-ly, OK?

For the record, I'm with you on the Uggs. Do you design according to what the trends are?

Not really, although I know that there are some people who probably wish I would.

Are there any trends that you feel especially excited or bummed out about now?

I really wasn't into the kitten heel at all. I'm like, either make the effort and commit yourself to the high heel or just wear flats.

Learn how to walk in heels or just wear flats, you know? The kitten heel is just not that sexy.

Do you think that shoes should make a woman look sexy?

I like for my shoes to make a woman not only feel sexy, but confident and strong.

And it's the same with my men's shoes. When I wear the shoes, I want to feel sexy in them. I think we all want that.

Speaking of men's, you have a huge sneaker pimps following. The Tron style is especially hot right now. Are you a big sci-fi fan?

Oh yeah. I had the Tron Atari game when I was young.

It's funny because when I opened my store in New York, I thought I'd have all women's and just a little section of men's shoes. But now it's half women's and half men's. It's fun designing for both.

What are some common mistakes that you see women make when they purchase and wear heels?

Well, a lot of them should practice first. Don't buy more height than you can handle. When a woman goes to the store, she should ask about the pitch of the shoe.

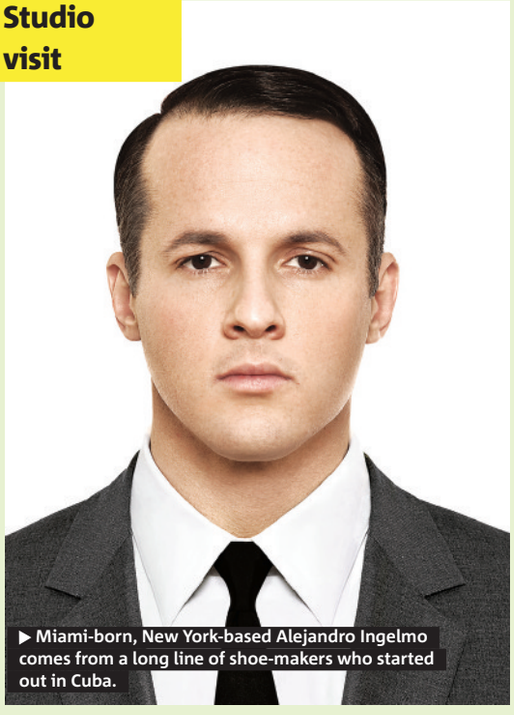
That's something that most women don't think to do. But that's what really determines how high the shoe is, it's not so much about the heel. It's all about what's happening inside the shoe.

And make sure that the shoe can hold your foot in.

You don't want to be walking down the street with your toe slipping out. I think shoes are like clothes; you want to show just the right amount.

When a toe hangs out of the shoe, that's like the footwear equivalent of bad cleavage.

Studio visit



▶ Miami-born, New York-based Alejandro Ingelmo comes from a long line of shoe-makers who started out in Cuba.

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▶ Anna Wintour

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The 61-year-old joins other celebrities supporting the campaign, including Julianne Moore, Marc Jacobs, and Michael Kors among others.

RICHARD PECKETT

Michelle Obama and Duchess of Cambridge bring high style to Buckingham Palace.

When style gets swapped

Can't find what you want in your closet? Browse through your friend's

The beginning of a new year was to mark the end of closet clutter for Marci O'Connor.

The Quebec-based mother of two made a resolution to declutter. Having gone through a range of sizes due to weight fluctuations, O'Connor decided to finally get rid of all the garments that no longer fit and were taking up precious real estate in her closet.

But she didn't toss her unwanted items – she took them to her Facebook page.

O'Connor posted photos and descriptions of various items including dresses worn to weddings, unworn shoes as well as pants, shirts and sweaters, offering friends a chance to take their pick and encouraging others seeking to clear out their closet to follow suit.

"The first item was a black leather bag from Rudsak. I think that lasted 20 minutes," she recalled in an interview from Otterburn Park, Que., east of Montreal.

It wasn't long before word of the swap spread among other online users.

"I created a Facebook page just so we could contain it and set up a couple of guidelines and rules and then it exploded," said O'Connor. "I had people from many places throughout North America and even some Europeans who asked if they could join in."

As founder of Suzieswapper, O'Connor, 40, has established a dedicated space for women seeking to talk swap and exchange clothing for free. She estimates some 1,500 swaps have taken place since its launch last year.

Clothing swaps have long appealed to budget-conscious fashionistas seeking stylish new finds for little to no money. But online sites devoted to such trades are helping widen the availability and inventory of preloved goods.

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Founder of Suzieswapper Marci O'Connor poses with clothing she has acquired from swapping online.

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Need to know

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Schools, hospitals and every conceivable service are all close by.

There is also great shopping at the nearby malls and stores on Yonge Street.

Building amenities

The building has a lounge, party room and card room, in addition to the state-of-the-art exercise facility, complete with whirlpool, sauna and change rooms.

There's also a dance room and an indoor golf simulator. There are spacious balconies on the lower floors and magnificent rooftop terraces on the second storey upper floor suites. Condo fees are 46 cents per sq. ft.

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Meet the condo

- **WHAT:** Royal Gardens Condos
- **BUILDER:** Liberty Development Corporation
- **LOCATION:** Highway 7 at Rockwell Road in Richmond Hill
- **CONTACT:** royalgardenscondos.ca (905-889-9997)
- **SIZES:** From 535 sq. ft. to 1,560 sq. ft.
- **PRICING:** From $244,000 to $643,000

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▶ Royal Gardens, a master-planned community, offers a sweet retreat from busy city life.

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NEW CONDO MARKET IS SIZZLING IN APRIL

ROOFTOP SURFING

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No amount of rain could slow down the high-rise housing market in the GTA in April as buyers snapped-up 3,249 new condominium suites, resulting in the best April ever for new condo sales.

According to RealNet Canada Inc., condominium sales were up 89 per cent compared with April 2010.

In addition to being the best April ever, the 3,249 units sold amount to the third-best monthly condo sales tally on record. April sales were double the average levels achieved over the last 12 years, RealNet revealed.

With a grand total of 8,675 condo suites sold so far this year, high-rise condo sales are running a stunning 23 per cent ahead of the January-April 2010 period

Remarkably, nearly two-thirds (64 per cent) of all new home sales in April were high-rise condo suites, which in itself is a record-high monthly market share.

On a year-to-date basis, six of every 10 new homes sold in the GTA has been a condo suite.

Frankly, I'm running out of superlatives to describe the high-rise housing market in the GTA. The fact that a new condo was purchased every 13 minutes last month pretty much says it all.

As for the low-rise market, April sales declined by four per cent compared with April 2010, and are down 14 per cent on a year-to-date basis, reflecting price pressure caused by the very restricted supply of low-rise land.

Low-rise prices are up 7.3 per cent year/year to $524,954 while high-rise prices are up 5.2 per cent to $447,352.

The $77,602 differential between the low- and high-rise price index goes a long way towards explaining the low-rise slowdown and well as the high-rise surge.

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7 deadly decorating trends

Karl Lohnes reveals the seven home decorating trends NOT to fall in love with in 2011

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It's easy to get caught up in the new trends each year, and so far 2011 has brought forward a huge change in home decor. The 1970s and early 1980s are dominating the looks; from punchy patterns, shiny metallics to the heaven-help-us colours of painted appliances.

Trends usually come in three timelines: five-year trends like flooring, paint colours and furniture pieces; two-year trends like bedding, towels and lighting and then seasonal trends like candles, faux florals and table-top accessories. In short, the more money you spend on something, the longer it should fit its trend life.

Here's a roundup of this year's biggest decor trends that you'd be best staying away from.

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Grey power

All this trendy grey colour that we've been seeing is simply a way to ease our eyes away from the golden-taupe colours we were decorating with over the past 10 years. Unfortunately grey will only be around for about one to two years so use it sparingly. Want a bit of grey to update your space and feel trendy? I suggest using it in small amounts like painting a powder room or adding grey bed sheets. For paint, choose cooler/grey-based paint colours; shadowy, cool colours are what's important to achieve, not the actual colour of grey.

Antique brass

There's a popularity of getting away from the shiny chrome and nickel plated finishes and going toward and unpolished brass; certainly a dramatic change. Unpolished brass; like grey paint colours is being used as a catalyst to get us away from the silvery-tones metals. I suggest using old brass finishes only on old traditionally inspired pieces. A classic old-fashioned wall sconce or brass nailhead trim on the edge of a leather wingback chair will belong forever.

Large print wallpaper

Large floral prints, metallic and velvet flocking are all reminiscent of the 1970s. Anyone who just removed the original stuff hung 40 years ago sure as heck will never be hanging it again.

I suggest using this new trend in a very selective way; use it on one wall as a focal point like behind a bed.

For less of a commitment, frame the trendy stuff in large, inexpensive Ikea frames and hang in groupings. If wallpapering the walls, be sure to prime the walls properly so that when the time comes the paper can be easily removed.

Honeysuckle pink

That bright, rich pink is (by The Pantone Institute standards) the colour of 2011. It is an optimistic colour which is 'good for the times' they say. The only way I would use it is if Pantone could magically turn me into a teenage girl. Pink is one of the most difficult colours to accept in decorating although if used properly, it becomes unnoticeable. How to use: Have it as a third colour in the room, not first or second. Some great colour combinations to incorporate pink: grey/teal/pink or brown/beige/pink.

1970s-inspired furnishings

Chrome tubular, caramel leather, owl-motifs, useless ceramic and pottery figurines are iconic of the 1970s and will most likely be admired by some born after 1970.

How to use: Selectively, one '70s classic piece can absorb itself into the room without being overly noticeable and add some charm.

Greige-stained wood tones

It's that driftwood coloured finish on wood; think of old, worn oak that has been bleached by the sun; similar to driftwood in its texture and colour. It is meant to get our eye excited about something more than just dark espresso wood tones and we are seeing it mainly on traditional-shaped furniture. How to use: in all white rooms, a small furniture piece in a guest room; it's considered the look of new country so if country decorating is your thing... go for it.

Coloured appliances

Cobalt blue, red, hunter green and orange; everybody remembers (or has seen) the avocado-coloured fridge and harvest-gold stove. Enough said.

How to use the new brightly coloured appliance trend: incorporate in a Mondrian-inspired kitchen using red glossy cupboards, yellow rubber floors, cobalt blue appliances, white countertops.... A chop-a-block of colour could look kind of cool... please don't add hunter green coloured appliances to a golden colonial oak kitchen — yuck.

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Must haves for a man cave

How to outfit your room to give it the right amount of testosterone
10 things that will make it yours

Stake your claim to the spare bedroom, garage or shed with these 10 key decorating items for your man cave.

1 Big screen TV
When it comes to your man cave's TV, stick by the motto: Go big or go home.

2 Reclining chair
The perfect cocoon from which to watch all your favourite sports teams get their game on.

3 Sports memorabilia
Whether it's your beloved autographed Blue Jays jersey circa 1993 or the Spalding you toss around on the court every Saturday, house all sports merch here — or risk your mate losing it.

4 Mini-bar and fridge
Stash away your best buds (a.k.a. Stella and Alexander) in a mini — fridge, and keep snack-attach staples like salsa and tortilla chips close at hand.

5 Pool table
If you've got the space (or if you're Frank Costanza), a pool table is a man cave must.

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▶ Stake out your claim with a TV so big it hurts your girl's eyes just to look at it.

Keep this in mind when choosing your next house and outbid your lady's desire for a guest room for visiting in-laws or, worse, a place to knit quietly.

6 Dart board
Perfect for killing time between commercials and for a little friendly competition.

7 Door
For privacy, of course.
(And so your partner can shut out your antics.)

8 Oversized couch
To comfortably seat all your boys when they come over on Super Bowl Sunday.

9 Phone
Cell, land line, whatever. It's the quickest way to access dinner (a.k.a. the pizza guy).

10 Poker set
Two words: game night. Close the door, break out the brandy and cigars and go to town.

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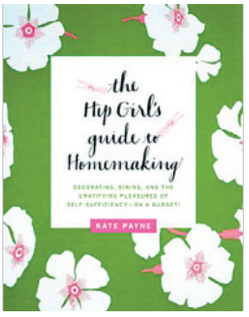
Hip girls cook and clean



A new book includes tips on how to make homemaking cool again ◗ It features an entire chapter on preserving household food ◗ And some other ways to feel that domesticated bliss

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These days, in addition to successful careers, we want to grow our own tomatoes, bake organic muffins and throw awesome dinner parties to serve them.

Kate Payne taps into this movement toward domesticity and self-sufficiency with her new tome, The Hip Girl's Guide to Homemaking.

But the last time we checked, twentysomethings don't read Good Housekeeping. so what exactly makes keeping home hip?

"Well, (the book) doesn't assume you have no other obligations," explains the writer and thrift store expert.

"As I've gotten older, I'd go to people's houses who maybe have more resources and feel like I want to have a nice place, too."
KATE PAYNE

"It's for people who have busy schedules, who have jobs. Whereas the less-modern manuals are like, 'here's how to do everything' — and they make you feel bad if you don't do it."

Never tried a cross-stitch?

No problem. Payne's approach is geared toward beginners and filled with tips and easy-to-do, wallet-friendly projects to make your generic rented apartment feel like home.

"As I've gotten older, I'd go to people's houses who maybe have more resources and feel like I want to have a nice place, too," said Payne.

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▶ It's easy to make homemaking hip again

Easy tips

For the girl who hasn't cooked much or potted a plant, Payne offers tips on becoming more domesticated.

- **Tip No. 1** Explore some ways to use real linens in your house, maybe just some cute napkins. They get thrown into the mix of the laundry anyway, so it's not a big hassle. And not just when guests come — even if you eat your cereal by yourself (use linen napkins). It's weird, but it makes you feel like, 'Wow, look at me. I'm civilized.'
- **Tip No. 2** Try eating breakfast in your home three days a week. That way you can ease into cooking so it's not super stressful and you're not like, 'Oh my god, I have to cook every dinner at home for the rest of my life.' Breakfast is a good place to start. It sparks this feeling of, 'Wow, I'm really self sufficient.'
- **Tip No. 3** Cleaning is not fun. But take baking soda to the bathroom sink and feel instantly gratified that it's going to scrub off all that gross goo, and you're not using anything toxic. It's actually kinda fun to see the before and after.

TO GIFT OR NOT TO GIFT

LEGAL MATTERS

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Q: My parents have decided they need to downsize and have offered to transfer their nicely-sized home to me and my husband. We have been told that they can gift the property to us for one or two dollars, which effectively allows us to not pay land transfer tax. Can we legally do this?

A: The concept of gifting between close family members is a well conceived notion that is possible but needs to be clearly examined.

The government under the Ontario Land Transfer Tax Act wants to make sure that there is no money changing hands under this type of transfer.

For example, if you are paying off a mortgage your parents may have on the property when the home is gifted, then there is 'consideration' and land transfer tax must be paid on that outstanding amount because there has been value received.

In another instance, if you are providing any money to your parents for their home, then it is not a true gift and you must pay tax on this consideration. Only true non-monetary gifts qualify for the exemption of this tax.

You should be careful about this issue as you must be aware that the tax man always gets its man.

Taking green up a notch

Many builders are opting to have their condos LEED certified

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▶ MintoMidtown at Yonge and Eglinton has achieved LEED gold certification, making it the largest LEED-certified condominium in North America.

An established trend in Toronto real estate is the greening of condominiums and a major milestone in the process is Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED.

LEED is a certification process first developed in the U.S. in response to the EPA wanting to promote environmentalism for their government office buildings. Since then, it has been adapted to address other building types, such as high-rise residential and is now popular in Canada.

What's the advantage of LEED certification to a prospective condo buyer? According to Neil Munro, architect at Young + Wright / IBI Group, there's the "highest probability that it's meeting stated green features. There is a value to it."

Munro is a principal responsible for overseeing IBI's environmental design policy and maintains that LEED is strong in the marketplace as a brand. "LEED is a marketing tool; they make no bones about it."

Although there is an added cost of about $60,000 to administer the entire process, builders still see an advantage and are going for the certification.

Developers interested in attaining certification commonly retain the services of a specialist or consultant familiar with the highly administrative process.

Certain architects and engineers now provide this service and they work with the owner throughout the submission and verification procedures.

Al Daimee, founder of TOPofTO.com, is a licensed realtor affiliated with Royal LePage. He believes that the builders are using LEED standards as a way to try and draw environmentally conscious buyers to their projects. "These same builders state that the cost to obtain LEED status is higher, thus justifying higher prices as a result."

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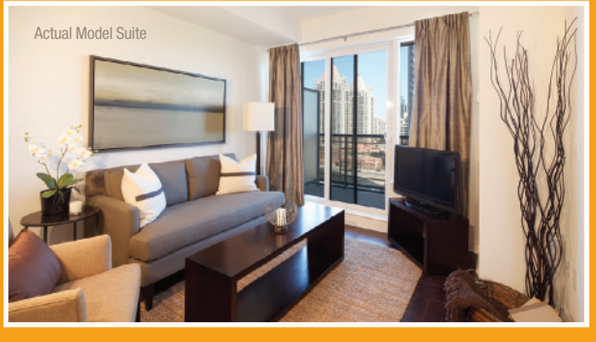

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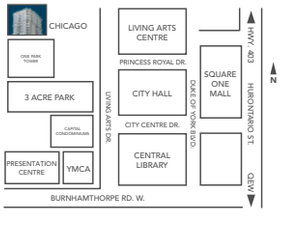

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Update your old Furniture

Revamping your furniture on a budget can be easy Experts offer a few tips for giving your worn furnishings a second life

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▶ Rub-on decals along with pansy-shaped ceramic knobs button up the look of the dresser.

For many homeowners, spring has brought the itch for change but not the money to do much about it.

But that doesn't mean you're stuck with Aunt Edna's floral couch another year.

More and more homeowners are rolling up their sleeves and refurbishing tables, chairs and couches themselves, designers say.

"Frugality and practicality are still at the forefront of people's minds right now, so updating and making the best of what you already have is a surefire way to save money and recycle," said Rachael Liska, senior editor at Fresh Home magazine.

It may seem daunting, especially if you're a do-it-yourself newbie, but starting small and taking your time can ease stress or anxiety.

"Think about getting a haircut, jewelry or clothes for yourself. You don't have to completely remake a piece. You can get a lot of bang for your buck, even if you're not super handy," said Danielle Claro, home editor at Real Simple magazine.

Painting

Painting is by far the easiest way to spruce up an old piece of furniture.

A dull pine table can become a sleek modern piece with a coat or two of glossy black paint. Enamel paint is cheap, and spray paints now come in almost any colour you can imagine, and adhere to just about any surface, said Cindy Thomas, editor and owner of Frugalsimplicity.com.

Claro suggested painting a mirror's frame with a glossy colour, or taking an old wooden Windsor chair and sanding it, priming it and coating it with a fresh spring colour like orange or turquoise.

Emily Henderson, host of HGTV's Secrets From A Stylist, offers a strict rule for painting furniture: "If the pieces are over 50 years old, don't do it," she said. "You'll lose the charm and age that makes the piece beautiful."

Staining/waxing

Instead of painting, Henderson suggests stripping and waxing old furniture to bring out the wood's beauty and colour.

Stripping and staining is a bit more work but is still a relatively inexpensive way to change things up while keeping the furniture's original look. Don't choose a stain that's much darker than the natural wood, Henderson said, but "stick in the same tone of wood."

Embellishing/accesorizing

Painting and staining are tried-and-true techniques for updating furniture, but Liska says a fresher take is to try gilding, decoupaging, decal-ing, or embellishing old pieces with materials such as decorative nail heads, leather trim, cording and tassels.

Reupholstering

Reupholstering is a lot of work and takes practice. But Henderson swears by reupholstering and says it's not that hard if you stick to the right fabrics. "I buy pieces for $100 and reupholster them for $200 or $300," she said. "It's a one-of-a-kind piece and it's customized for you."

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▶ Update an old lamp by covering the shade with a DIY design.

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▶ Use spray paint to easily makeover an old spindle chair.

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▶ Dress up an old chandelier and chair with a coat of turquoise paint.

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▶ Is it cocktail hour yet?

48 hours to the perfect summer patio

Create an outdoor oasis Your patio can be festive and fashionable with just a weekend's worth of work

DIY IDEAS

Ah! The warmer temperatures are bringing us back outdoors.

But before you can truly enjoy the fresh air — there are many needed updates to your patio areas to help recover from the harsh effects of old man winter.

Luckily, with a few spruce–up projects in only a weekend, you can achieve a patio revival that's simple, yet sensational.

Wash away winter

No matter what type of patio, pressure washing is a simple way to make it shine.

It offers instant gratification as layers of dirt, dust and grime are quickly blasted away.

Don't have a pressure washer? Don't worry, most rental companies or home improvement centres offer reasonably priced daily rentals.

Or it's an opportunity to visit the neighbours who you haven't seen during the cold months to borrow theirs.

Bring new life to old furniture

Once your patio is clean, bring out the seating.

But have your table and chairs seen better days? Fortunately, you can easily turn something ready for the trash into a new treasure by updating it with a coat of spray paint.

To start, lightly sand and clean the entire surface. Next, spray the entire piece of furniture with a new, updated paint colour.

Petals and pots with pizzazz

Finally, liven up your patio with beautiful flowers. But just as important as the pretty petals, is planting them in the perfect pot. Terra cotta pots are ideal since they come in a variety of sizes and are inexpensive. For added pizzazz, you can update these planters with a splash of colour.

To start, turn each pot upside down on newspaper and spray the pot with your favourite shade of spray paint. Once dry, you may choose to spray your vibrant pot with a clear or glitter spray to achieve the dazzling finish you desire.

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Make it a Tex-Mex night

These Fajitas offer a twist on an old fave by using beef & asparagus The Enchilada Roll-Ups are made in the slow cooker while you enjoy the warm weather

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This recipe will serve six.

These colourful beef fajitas are filled with vegetables. Set out bowls of Boston lettuce leaves, chopped tomato, shredded cheddar or Monterey Jack with jalapeno cheese and sour cream and let the Tex-Mex fun begin!

Preparation:

1. In a bowl, stir together chili powder, cumin, salt and pepper; rub into both sides of steak.
2. In a bowl, combine asparagus, mushrooms, garlic, peppers, onion, oil and oregano. Then stack tortillas and double wrap in foil.
3. Place steak on greased grill and vegetables in grilling basket over medium-high heat. Close lid and grill steak until medium-rare, about 8 minutes, turning once. Transfer steak to cutting board; tent with foil. Let stand for 5 minutes.
4. Grill vegetables, tossing occasionally, until tender-crisp, 8 to 10 minutes. Meanwhile, place tortillas on grill and warm through, about 3 minutes.
5. To serve, slice steak thinly across grain. In bowl, combine steak, vegetables and cilantro, if using. Serve with warm tortillas and desired accompaniments.

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Ingredients:

- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) each chili powder and ground cumin
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) each salt and pepper
- 500 g (1 lb) beef grilling steak (strip loin or sirloin)
- 500 g (1 lb) asparagus, trimmed; cut into quarters
- 625 ml (2 1/2 cups) sliced white mushrooms
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 sweet peppers, seeded and sliced into strips
- 1 onion, halved and thinly sliced lengthwise
- 20 ml (4 tsp) vegetable oil
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) dry oregano
- 6 whole-wheat tortillas
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) cilantro sprigs (optional)

Enchilada Roll-Ups

Now that gardening, cycling or other outdoor activities are in full swing, your slow cooker can be even more useful to simmer dinner. Here is a dish that would be perfect.

Preparation:

1. Cut each chicken breast lengthwise into 2 or 3 strips. Combine chicken with 125 ml (1/2 cup) flour and salt in a resealable bag; shake to coat chicken.
2. Heat butter in stoneware of slow cooker on stove top. Brown chicken, 3 minutes per side. Add broth, scrape up brown bits. Transfer stoneware to slow cooker base. Add onion, jalapeno pepper and oregano. Cover; cook on low for 7 to 8 hours.
4. In a bowl, blend 30 ml (2 tbsp) flour and milk until smooth. Stir into chicken mix and cook, uncovered, on high for 15 mins, or until thick.
5. Spoon mix onto centre of flour tortillas. Fold; garnish with cheese and olives. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ CROCK-POT

Ingredients:

- 750 g (1 1/2 lb) boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 125 ml plus 30 ml (1/2 cup plus 2 tbsp) flour
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter
- 250 ml (1 cup) chicken broth
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 jalapeno pepper, diced
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) dried oregano
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) milk
- Six 18- to 20-cm (7- to 8-inch) flour tortillas
- Grated cheddar cheese and sliced black olives, for garnish

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4 sports

Tampa forces another Game 7

Lightning's Roloson improves to 7-0 in elimination games in his career

	1	2	3	F
LIGHTNING	1	2	2	5
BRUINS	0	2	2	4

Martin St. Louis and Teddy Purcell each scored twice, resilient goalie Dwayne Roloson weathered a hat trick by Boston's David Krejci, and the Tampa Bay Lightning stayed alive in the Eastern Conference finals with a 5-4 win over the Boston Bruins in Game 6 last night.

Game 7 is tomorrow night in Boston (CBC, 8 p.m.). The Bruins are seeking their first trip to the Stanley Cup finals in 21 years, and the Lightning will try to clinch their first appearance on hockey's biggest stage since they won their only NHL championship in 2004.

The Western Conference champion Vancouver Canucks await the winner in the finals.

St. Louis also assisted on a third-period goal that put the Lightning up 4-2. His second goal — and NHL-leading 10th of the playoffs — restored Tampa Bay's two-goal lead after Boston pulled within 4-3 on one of two goals Krejci scored to keep the Bruins within striking distance in the closing minutes.

Roloson, who didn't play in Game 5, gave up a pair of first-period goals and finished with 16 saves.

Boston's Tim Thomas gave up another early goal, then struggled after Krejci and Milan Lucic scored to give the Bruins a 2-1 lead through one period.

The Lightning took control when St. Louis, Purcell and Steve Stamkos scored power-play goals within a 12-minute span of the second and third periods.

The Lightning rallied from a 3-1 deficit to beat Pittsburgh in the first round, with their 41-year-old goalie shutting out the Penguins in Game 7 on the road.

Tampa got off to a quick start as Purcell scored on the Lightning's opening shot.

Lucic countered for Boston less than seven minutes later with a wrist shot from the slot that got past Roloson. Krejci's third goal of the series, after he took a backhand pass from Daniel Paille, gave the Bruins a 2-1 lead with 3:30 remaining in the first.

But Boston's failure to take advantage of three more power plays caught up with them in the middle of the second period when Tampa Bay converted three within 12 minutes to regain the lead for good. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ The Lightning's Martin St. Louis celebrates his second-period goal with Steve Stamkos in Tampa, Fla., last night.

Quoted

"You could ask 27 teams and I think they're a little jealous at the success we've had ... To get here is an accomplishment, but next year we've got to beat it."

SAN JOSE CAPTAIN JOE THORNTON ON BEING ELIMINATED BY THE VANCOUVER CANUCKS IN THE WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS TUESDAY NIGHT. THORNTON LED THE SHARKS IN PLAYOFF POINTS AND GUTTED THROUGH GAME 5 WITH A SEPARATED SHOULDER.

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Mavs finish off Thunder

Dirk Nowitzki, Jason Kidd and the Dallas Mavericks are going back to the NBA finals.

Nowitzki swished a go-ahead three-pointer with 1:14 left and Shawn Marion followed with a three-point play off a steal, the pivotal plays in yet another fourth-quarter comeback. This one sent the Mavericks to a 100-96 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder last night to close out the Western Conference finals in five games.

After clawing back from down 15 with 5:04 left in Game 4, the Mavericks were down by six with 4:37 left in this one when they rallied again, outscoring the Thunder 14-4 the rest of the way.

Dallas awaits the winner between the Miami Heat and the Chicago Bulls in the Eastern Conference finals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Dirk Nowitzki

Sports in brief

TFC saved by thunderstorm

MLS. A relentless lightning storm forced the abandonment of the Canadian Nutrilite Championship final between Toronto FC and the visiting Vancouver Whitecaps.

Vancouver led 1-0 in the second of the two-game, total-goals series last night when officials sent the teams to the dressing room in the 60th minute. The game will be replayed in its entirety. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Isles re-sign young winger

NHL. Kyle Okposo agreed to a five-year, $14-million US deal yesterday to stay with the New York Islanders. The 23-year-old had five goals and 15 assists last season after missing 44 games with injury. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Novak Djokovic hits a forehand yesterday against Victor Hanescu.

Djokovic matches Federer's 41 wins in a row

Even if Novak Djokovic is tennis' man of the moment, there is a long, long way to go before he would approach most of Roger Federer's many accomplishments.

So far to go, really, that it's not worth discussing.

Still, there is one area in which, as of yesterday, the two men are equal: Djokovic was credited with his 41st consecutive victory — matching the best streak of Federer's career — when second-round opponent Victor Hanescu of Romania quit at the French Open because of a left leg injury.

"I'm not thinking about when this streak — this amazing streak — will end. So I guess that's the right mental approach," said the second-seeded Djokovic, who was serving at 6-4, 6-1, 2-3, 30-love when Hanescu decided to stop playing at Court Philippe Chatrier.

It was a far quieter and less theatrical ending than what transpired a few hours later on Court 1. Sabine Lisicki of Germany was bothered by dizziness and muscle cramps and was carried off on a stretcher, sobbing, after wasting a match point and a 5-2 lead in the third set of a 4-6, 7-5, 7-5 loss to two-time Grand Slam finalist Vera Zvonareva of Russia. Lisicki was treated by a trainer — including a blood-pressure check — during changeovers.

"I hope she feels OK," the No. 3-seeded Zvonareva said. "No matter what, I had to keep doing my job."

Vancouver's Rebecca Marino is moving on to the third round at a Grand Slam for the first time after a 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 win over Spain's Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez. Aleksandra Wozniak of Blainville, Que., was knocked out of the draw by No. 1 seed Caroline Wozniacki, who took a 6-3, 7-6 (6) decision.

Also reaching the third round: Past champions Francesca Schiavone of Italy and Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia.

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▶ Miami's LeBron James guards Chicago's Derrick Rose during Game 5 of the NBA Eastern Conference finals in Miami.

Big 3 turn up Heat on Bulls

Miami defence has zoned in on Chicago offence, including MVP Rose

LeBron James is doing it all for Miami, hitting big shots and clamping down on MVP Derrick Rose.

The Heat lead the Chicago Bulls 3-1 in the Eastern Conference finals and a win tonight in Chicago means they will be playing for a championship.

That's exactly the way James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh envisioned it when they decided to join forces in the off-season. Miami is on the verge of the finals after a 101-93 overtime win Tuesday.

James led the way with 35 points and helped contain Rose down the stretch. Bosh chipped in with 22, Wade came up with three big blocks in overtime and the bench delivered.

Now, they will try to close this one out.

"We understand it's going to be a tough game," Wade said. "But we have the team and we have the guys that are capable of showing up and putting on a performance that we need to win the game. It's not going to be pretty, but that's not Miami Heat basketball anyway."

The Bulls' first three-game losing skid of the season could not have come at a worse time.

"When you look at the score, 3-1, it looks bad," Chicago's Luol Deng said.

But he was quick to point out the games have been close. That's one reason he insisted the Bulls are not out of it.

"I really believe we've got a group of guys that are going to keep on fighting," Deng said. "There's no quit in us. There's no quit in that locker-room. It's really going to come down to the end of the game again."

The Bulls surprised many this season by jumping to a league-leading 62 wins, with Rose becoming the youngest ever MVP.

Along the way, they swept three close games from the Heat during the regular season. They even left them in tears after beating them in March, when they were in a five-game losing streak and appeared to be unravelling.

Now it's Miami that has Chicago's players and coach of the year Tom Thibodeau rubbing their eyes.

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LAKERS

L.A. to hire Mike Brown, source says

The Los Angeles Lakers reached a deal in principle with former Cleveland coach Mike Brown yesterday to succeed Phil Jackson, according to a person with knowledge of the discussions.

Brown will get a four-year deal worth roughly $18 million US, according to the person who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because Brown hadn't yet been formally hired.

The Lakers released a statement later yesterday confirming the club hopes to make Brown the 22nd coach in franchise history.

JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Mike Brown

"We've met with Mike and are very impressed with him," said the statement from the Lakers' public relations department. "In addition, we have an outline for an agreement in place and hope to sign a contract within the next few days."

With a strong interview last weekend, Brown became the top candidate for the daunting challenge of succeeding the 11-time NBA champion Jackson with one of the NBA's iconic franchises. The Lakers' 16 NBA titles trail only the Boston Celtics' 17 in league history.

Rather than promoting one of Jackson's assistant coaches, the Lakers are changing course after an abrupt end to their two-year title reign.

Kobe Bryant endorsed Jackson assistant Brian Shaw for the job, but Jim Buss — the Lakers' executive vice-president of player personnel and the son of owner Jerry Buss — became intrigued by Brown after the interview.

A respected tactician with a strong pedigree, Brown has experience with big games and stars, even if he couldn't get LeBron James a title.

"Mike Brown is a great coach," James said in Miami. "I respect him. He definitely helped me become who I am today."

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Coaches jump into NFL labour court battle

NFL coaches are teaming up with the players in their legal fight to end the owner-imposed lockout.

The NFL Coaches Association filed a brief with the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday expressing support for the players and saying the lockout is putting their jobs in jeopardy.

"Owners and fans increasingly demand immediate success, and coaches whose teams cannot fulfil such severe expectations face likely dismissal, which means the uprooting of families, economic dislocation and a significantly less promising career path," lawyers for the NFLCA wrote.

No individual coaches were identified in the brief, which said the eight new coaches hired this year face particularly daunting odds of success if the lockout is not lifted soon. The NFL grants new coaches two extra summer minicamps to get players familiar with the new staff, and the elimination of those camps puts them at a competitive disadvantage heading into the season.

"To meet management's expectations, coaches need adequate time in the off-season to prepare their players for the season ahead," the filing said. "Each day lost in preparing for the season further diminishes coaches' opportunities to prove themselves and advance their career."

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the league was not surprised by the filing.

"The Coaches Association offices with the Players Association in Washington," Aiello wrote in an email to The Associated Press.

"So this comes as no surprise."

The 8th Circuit has set a June 3 hearing to hear arguments on whether the lockout is legal. A federal judge in St. Paul, Minn., initially ruled the lockout was illegal, but the 8th Circuit put a stay on that ruling pending the appeal.

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NHL

PLAYOFFS
All Times Eastern

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7 series)

EASTERN CONFERENCE
BOSTON (3) vs. TAMPA BAY (5)
(Boston leads series 3-2)
Last night's result
Boston at Tampa Bay
Tomorrow's game
x-Tampa Bay at Boston, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
VANCOUVER (1) vs. SAN JOSE (2)
(Vancouver wins series 4-1)
Tuesday's result
Vancouver 3 San Jose 2 (2)T)

LATE TUESDAY

CANUCKS 3, SHARKS 2 (2OT)
First Period
1. Vancouver, Burrows 7 (H.Sedin, D.Sedin) 8:02
Penalties — H.Sedin Vcr (hooking) 14:03, Kesler Vcr (slashing) 14:39.
Second Period
2. San Jose, Marleau 8 (Boyle, Pavelski) 9:57 (pp)
Penalties — Bieksa Vcr (high-sticking) 9:07, Mitchell SJ (tripping) 10:39, Vancouver bench (too many men; served by Torres) 13:38.
Third Period
3. San Jose, Setoguchi 7 (Pavelski, Huskins) 0:24
4. Vancouver, Kesler 7 (H.Sedin, Edler) 19:46
Penalties — None.
First Overtime
No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Second Overtime
5. Vancouver, Bieksa 5 (Edler, Burrows) 10:18
Penalties — None.
Shots

San Jose	15	10	11	16
4—56				
Vancouver	6	6	8	9
5—34				

Goal — San Jose: Niemi (L,8-9-0); Vancouver: Luongo (W,12-6-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — San Jose: 1-4; Vancouver: 0-1.
Referees — Steve Kozari, Stephen Walkom.
Linesmen — Greg Devorski, Jay Sharrers.
Attendance — 18,860 (18,810).

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
H.Sedin, Vcr	2	19	21
Kesler, Vcr	7	11	18
St. Louis, TB	8	9	17
Lecavalier, TB	6	11	17
J.Thornton, SJ	3	14	17
D.Sedin, Vcr	8	8	16
Boyle, SJ	3	13	16
Clowe, SJ	6	9	15
P.Bergeron, Bos	4	11	15
Datsyuk, Det	4	11	15
Purcell, TB	4	11	15
Burrows, Vcr	7	7	14
Couture, SJ	7	7	14
Horton, Bos	7	7	14
Marleau, SJ	8	5	13
Krejci, Bos	7	6	13
Ward, Nash	7	6	13
Marchand, Bos	6	6	12
Gagne, TB	5	7	12

Not including last night's game

HOCKEY

MEMORIAL CUP
At Mississauga, Ont.

ROUND ROBIN
Last night's result
Mississauga 3 Owen Sound 1
End of Round Robin
Tonight's game
Tiebreaker
Kootenay vs. Owen Sound, 7 p.m.
Tomorrow's game
Semifinal
Mississauga vs. Kootenay/Owen Sound, 7 p.m.

ACTIVITY

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Activated RHP Mitch Talbot from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Josh Judy to Columbus (IL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Claimed RHP Kanekoa Texeira off waivers from Kansas City and optioned him to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Transferred RHP Phil Hughes to the 60-day DL.
TAMPA BAY BAYS — Activated SS Reid Brignac from the bereavement list. Placed INF Elliot Johnson on the 15-day DL.

CFL
EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed DB Hugo Lopez.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Named Markus Howell defensive and special teams assistant coach.

NHL
DETROIT RED WINGS — Announced the retirement of D Brian Rafalski.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA
At Tirano, Italy
Stage 17
1. Diego Ulissi, Italy, Lampre, five hours, 31 minutes, 51 seconds; 2. Pablo Lastras Garcia, Spain, Movistar, same time; 3. Giovanni Visconti, Italy, Farnese Vini, s.t.; 4. Jan Bakelandts, Belgium, Omega Pharma, four seconds behind; 5. Fabio Taborre, Italy, Acqua&Sapone, 0:08; 6. Eduard Vorganov, Russia, Katusha, s.t.; 7. Hubert Dupont, France, AG2R, s.t.; 8. Jesus Hernandez, Spain, Saxo Bank, s.t.; 9. Robert Kiserlovski, Croatia, Astana, s.t.; 10. Kanstantsin Sivtsov, Belarus, HTC-High Road, 0:10.
Also: 50. Michael Barry, Toronto, Sky Procycling, 3:33
Overall Standings
(after 17th of 21 stages)
1. Alberto Contador, Spain, Saxo Bank, 68 hours, 18 minutes, 27 seconds; 2. Michele Scarponi, Italy, Lampre, 4:58; 3. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Liquigas, 5:45; 4. John Gadret, France, AG2R, 7:35; 5. Kanstantsin Sivtsov, Belarus, HTC-High Road, 9:12; 6. Jose Rujano, Venezuela, Androni, 9:18; 7. Mikel Nieve Ituralde, Spain, Euskaltel, 9:22; 8. Denis Menchov, Russia, Geox, 9:38; 9. Roman Kreuziger, Czech Republic, Astana, 9:47; 10. Joaquin Rodriguez, Spain, Katusha, 10:25.
Also: 65. Michael Barry, Toronto, Sky Procycling, 1:34:30.

NBA

PLAYOFFS
All Times Eastern

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7 series)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Chicago (1) vs. Miami (2)
(Miami leads series 3-1)
Tuesday's result
Miami 101 Chicago 93 (OT)
Tonight's game
Miami at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
x-Chicago at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
Monday, May 30
x-Miami at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Dallas (3) vs. Oklahoma City (4)
(Dallas leads series 3-1)
Last night's result
Oklahoma City at Dallas
Tomorrow's game
x-Dallas at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
Sunday, May 29
x-Oklahoma City at Dallas, 9 p.m.
x — played only if necessary.

LATE TUESDAY

HEATS 101, BULLS 93 (OT)
CHICAGO (93)
Deng 8-16 2-2 20, Boozer 7-14 6-9 20, Noah 3-10 0-0 6, Rose 8-27 6-7 23, Bogans 2-6 0-0 6, Brewer 2-3 2-3 7, Gibson 0-1 0-0 0, Asik 0-0 0-0 0, Korver 2-6 1-1 5, Watson 3-4 0-0 6. Totals 35-87 17-22 93.
MIAMI (101)
James 11-26 13-13 35, Bosh 6-12 10-11 22, Anthony 0-0 2-4 2, Bibby 2-5 0-2 5, Wade 5-16 4-4 14, Haslem 0-5 2-2 2, Miller 5-8 0-0 12, Chalmers 3-3 1-2 9. Totals 32-75 32-38 101.

Chicago	19	27	22	17	8	93
Miami	16	28	19	22	16	101

3-Point Goals—Chicago 6-24 (Deng 2-5, Bogans 2-6, Brewer 1-1, Rose 1-9, Korver 0-3), Miami 5-13 (Chalmers 2-2, Miller 2-5, Bibby 1-3, James 0-1, Bosh 0-1, Wade 0-1). Fouled Out—Noah. Rebounds—Chicago 57 (Noah 14), Miami 49 (Haslem, Miller 9). Assists—Chicago 20 (Noah, Rose 6), Miami 12 (James 6). Total Fouls—Chicago 28, Miami 24. Technicals—Miami defensive three second 2. Flagrant Fouls—Boozer. A—20,125 (19,600) at Miami.

SOCCER

MLS
Last night's results
Colorado 2 New York 2
Dallas at Seattle
Houston at Los Angeles
All times Eastern
Saturday's games
Philadelphia at Toronto, 12:30 p.m.
New York at Vancouver, 5:30 p.m.
Chivas USA at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at New England, 8 p.m.
FC Dallas at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Kansas City at Colorado, 9 p.m.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	27	21	.563	—
Boston	27	22	.551	½
Tampa Bay	26	23	.531	1½
Toronto	24	25	.490	3½
Baltimore	23	24	.489	3½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	30	17	.638	—
Detroit	25	23	.521	5½
Kansas City	22	26	.458	8½
Chicago	23	28	.451	9
Minnesota	16	32	.333	14½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	26	24	.520	—
Los Angeles	25	25	.500	1
Seattle	24	25	.490	1½
Oakland	23	26	.469	2½

Yesterday's results
Boston 14 Cleveland 2
N.Y. Yankees 7 Toronto 3
Tampa Bay at Detroit (ppd., rain)
Seattle 3 Minnesota 0
Texas 2 Chicago White Sox 1
Baltimore 9 Kansas City 2
Oakland at L.A. Angels
Today's games
Kansas City (Francis 1-5) at Baltimore (Guthrie 2-6), 12:35 p.m.
Boston (Aceves 1-0) at Detroit (Scherzer 6-1), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Anderson 2-4) at L.A. Angels (Pineiro 2-0), 3:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Humber 3-3) at Toronto (Morrow 2-2), 7:07 p.m.

YANKEES 7, BLUE JAYS 3

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
YEscor ss	4	0	1	0	Jeter ss	3	1	1	0
JMcDnl pr-ss	0	0	0	0	Grndrs cf	4	1	2	1
Arencii ph	1	0	0	0	Teixeir 1b	5	1	1	2
CPttrsn lf	4	1	1	0	AlRdrg dh	4	0	1	0
Bautist rf	3	0	1	0	Cano 2b	4	0	1	0
JRiver 1b	4	0	1	1	Martin c	2	1	0	0
JMolin c	3	0	0	0	Swisher rf	3	1	0	0
A.Hill 2b	4	1	2	0	Gardnr lf	0	0	0	0
EThms dh	4	1	2	1	AnJons lf	3	2	3	4
RDavis cf	4	0	2	0	Dickrsn lf-rf	1	0	0	0
J.Nix 3b	3	0	0	1	ENunez 3b	4	0	0	0
Encrnc ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**35**	**3**	**10**	**3**	**Totals**	**33**	**7**	**9**	**7**
Toronto					**000 001 200**			**3**	
New York					**122 002 00x**			**7**	

E—J.Molina (1), A.Hill (1). DP—Toronto 1, New York 1. LOB—Toronto 7, New York 8. 2B—C.Patterson (13), E.Thames (2), R.Davis (5), Jeter (5), Granderson 2 (7). 3B—Y.Escobar (3). HR—Teixeira (13), An.Jones 2 (4). SB—R.Davis (13), Al.Rodriguez (2), Cano (4), Martin (4). CS—Bautista (2).

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Jo-.Reyes L,0-4	3	5	5	5	2	0
L.Perez	4	4	2	2	2	3
Camp	1	0	0	0	1	0
New York						
F.Garcia W,3-4	6 1-3	8	3	3	0	4
Robertson	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Chamberlain	1	1	0	0	1	0
Ma.Rivera	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by L.Perez (Granderson), by F.Garcia (Bautista). WP—Jo-.Reyes.
Umpires—Home, Wally Bell; First, Laz Diaz; Second, Scott Barry; Third, John Hirschbeck.
T—2:41. A—43,201 (50,291) at New York.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	29	19	.604	—
Florida	27	19	.587	1
Atlanta	28	23	.549	2½
New York	22	25	.468	6½
Washington	21	28	.429	8½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	30	21	.588	—
Milwaukee	27	23	.540	2½
Cincinnati	26	23	.531	3
Pittsburgh	22	26	.458	6½
Chicago	21	25	.457	6½
Houston	19	31	.380	10½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	27	20	.574	—
Colorado	24	23	.511	3
Arizona	24	24	.500	3½
Los Angeles	22	29	.431	7
San Diego	20	30	.400	8½

Yesterday's results
Atlanta 4 Pittsburgh 2 (11 inn.)
Milwaukee 6 Washington 4
Houston 2 L.A. Dodgers 1
San Diego 3 St. Louis 1
Cincinnati at Philadelphia
N.Y. Mets at Chicago Cubs
Arizona at Colorado
Florida at San Francisco
Today's games
Cincinnati (Bailey 3-1) at Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 3-4), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Dickey 2-5) at Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 4-2), 2:20 p.m.
Florida (Ani.Sanchez 3-1) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 3-0), 3:45 p.m.
Arizona (Owings 0-0) at Colorado (Mortensen 1-1), 8:40 p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston 4 Cleveland 2
Baltimore 5 Kansas City 3
Detroit 7 Tampa Bay 6
N.Y. Yankees 5 Toronto 4
Chicago White Sox 8 Texas 6
Minnesota 4 Seattle 2
Oakland 6 L.A. Angels 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Colorado 12 Arizona 4 (1st game)
Atlanta 2 Pittsburgh 0
Cincinnati 6 Philadelphia 3
L.A. Dodgers 5 Houston 4
Chicago Cubs 11 N.Y. Mets 1
Milwaukee 7 Washington 6
Arizona 5 Colorado (2nd game)
St. Louis 3 San Diego 2 (11 inn.)
Florida 5 San Francisco 1

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Playoffs
Today's games
Seventh Place
First Leg
Slovakia vs. Ireland, 4 a.m.
Quarter-finals
U.S. vs. Australia, 10 a.m.
England vs. Czech Republic, 1 p.m.

TENNIS

FRENCH OPEN
At Paris
MEN
Singles
First Round
Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Victor Hanescu, Romania, 6-4, 6-1, 2-3, retired.
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Maxime Teixeira, France, 6-3, 6-0, 6-2.
David Ferrer (7), Spain, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.
Gael Monfils (9), France, def. Guillaume Rufin, France, 6-3, 1-6, 6-1, 6-3.
Mikhail Youzhny (12), Russia, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.
Richard Gasquet (13), France, def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.
Stanislas Wawrinka (14), Switzerland, def. Thomas Schoorel, Netherlands, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (17), France, def. Igor Andreev, Russia, 6-3, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Thomaz Bellucci (23), Brazil, def. Andreas Seppi, Italy, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4.
Juan Martin del Potro (25), Argentina, def. Blaz Kavcic, Slovenia, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.
Janko Tipsarevic (29), Serbia, def. Pere Riba, Spain, 6-1, 6-3, 6-0.
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (30), Spain, def. Marsel Ilhan, Turkey, 6-4, 1-6, 6-2, 4-6, 13-11.
Sergiy Stakhovsky (31), Ukraine, def. Kei Nishikori, Japan, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (3).
Steve Darcis, Belgium, def. Philipp Petzschner, Germany, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4.
Albert Montanes, Spain, def. Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo, Spain, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-1, 6-2.
Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Stephane Robert, France, 6-2, 6-1, 6-0.
Women
Second Round
Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. **Aleksandra Wozniak, Blainville, Que.,** 6-3, 7-6 (6).
Vera Zvonareva (3), Russia, def. Sabine Lisicki, Germany, 4-6, 7-5, 7-5.
Francesca Schiavone (5), Italy, def. Vesna Dolonts, Russia, 6-1, 6-2.
Sam Stosur (8), Australia, def. Simona Halep, Romania, 6-0, 6-2.
Jelena Jankovic (10), Serbia, def. Vera Dushevina, Russia, 6-3, 6-2.
Marion Bartoli (11), France, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, 6-4, 6-7 (1), 6-2.
Svetlana Kuznetsova (13), Russia, def. Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, 6-1, 6-1.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (14), Russia, def. Mona Barthel, Germany, 6-0, 7-6 (5).
Julia Goerges (17), Germany, def. Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, 2-6, 7-5, 6-2.
Daniela Hantuchova (28), Slovakia, def. Sara Errani, Italy, 6-1, 6-2.
Peng Shuai (29), China, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, 7-5, 6-1.
Rebecca Marino, Vancouver, def. Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, Spain, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Anastasia Rodionova, Australia, def. Edina Gallovits-Hall, Romania, 6-1, 6-4.
Gisela Dulko, Argentina, def. Tsvetana Pironkova (32), Bulgaria, 6-4, 6-2.
Bethanie Mattek-Sands, U.S., def. Varvara Lepchenko, U.S., 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.
Nuria Llagostera Vives, Spain, def. Alize Cornet, France, 6-0, 6-2.
Mixed
First Round
Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, and Eric Butorac, United States, def. Vania King, U.S., and **Daniel Nestor (2), Toronto,** 3-6, 6-3, 12-10 tiebreak.

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Rivera makes history

41-year-old becomes first pitcher in major league history to make 1,000 appearances with the same team as Yankees beat Blue Jays

Joe Girardi remembers the first time he caught Mariano Rivera, before the start of the 1996 season, back when he was still a player. "I was like, 'Who is this kid?'" Girardi recalled. "I'm like, 'Man, this kid is special.'"

Girardi is the Yankees' manager now. Rivera is no longer a kid.

He is still something special, though.

The 41-year-old Rivera became the first pitcher in major league history to make 1,000 appearances with the same team yesterday, cleaning up the ninth

7	3
YANKEES	BLUE JAYS

inning of a 7-3 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on a sun-splashed afternoon in the Bronx.

Andruw Jones tried to steal the show by cracking a pair of two-run homers, and Mark Teixeira also hit a two-run shot, while Freddy Garcia (3-4) pitched well for 6⅓ innings.

But once the game reached the ninth and Enter Sandman played over the loudspeakers at Yankee Stadium, the crowd of 43,201 knew the day would forever belong to Mo.

"You have to be old to do that," Rivera said with a smile. "You've got to have the right combination, I guess, an organization willing to keep you around and you doing your job."

The 11-time all-star is the 15th player to reach 1,000 appearances, during that time helping the franchise to 15 playoffs and five World Series titles.

Next up on the list for Rivera is former Yankee Goose Gossage, who appeared in 1,002 games during his career.

Jesse Orosco is the all-time leader with 1,252 appearances.

"He's never really fooled people," Girardi said, musing about Rivera's cut fastball. "Mo has said, 'Here it is. It's going to cut, it's going to sink and I'm going to throw it where I want, and try to do something with it.' And I can't think of another pitcher who's done that." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Jo-Jo Reyes delivers a pitch yesterday. The left-hander matched a major league record yesterday by making his 28th consecutive start without earning a victory, leaving after three innings of Toronto's 7-3 loss to New York.

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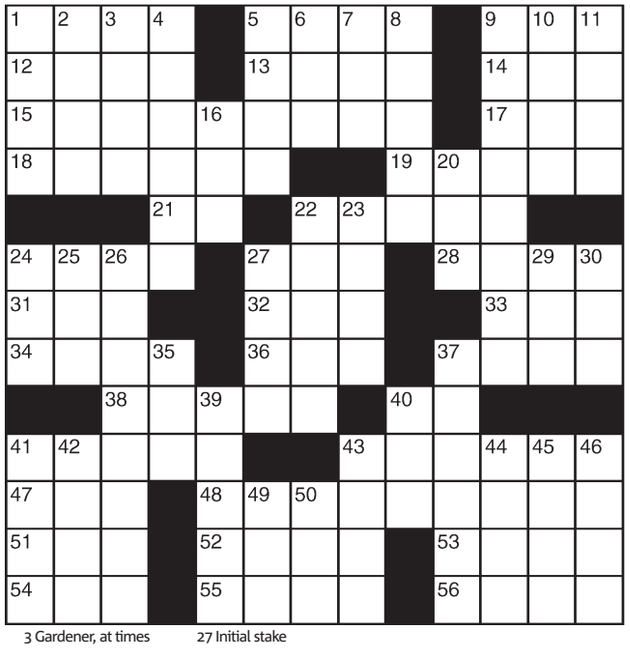

Across

1 Rue the workout
5 Conks on the noggin
9 Rx safety grp.
12 Glimpse
13 Emanation
14 Filch
15 Sort of basketball shot
17 Lamb's dam
18 Skilled
19 Occurrence
21 "People" rival
22 Big name in Cuban history
24 Present
27 Curved line
28 Pitch
31 Blunder
32 Ultramodernist
33 Suitable
34 Bump into
36 X rating?
37 Crucial time
38 Made comfortable
40 Exist
41 Secret society
43 Beachwear for a baby
47 Actress Mendes
48 Type of swim competition
51 Scale note
52 Green land
53 Pinnacle
54 Piercing tool
55 Highway
56 For fear that

Down

1 — Romeo
2 String
3 Gardener, at times
4 Barely manage
5 Money of Thailand
6 "— Father, who ..."
7 Expert
8 Cut into boards
9 Mooch
10 Puzzle direction
11 Help a hood
16 "— the season ..."
20 Doggy doc
22 DJ legend Alan
23 Pedestal occupant
24 Jewel
25 Anger
26 Plummet
27 Initial stake
29 Hot tub
30 Pigs' digs
35 Mai — (cocktail)
37 Health plan coverage
39 Less risky
40 Urban transport
41 Arizona city
42 Acknowledge
43 Start a garden
44 Big buildup
45 Milwaukee products
46 Libretto
49 Carnival city
50 Mound stat

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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	1						6	
			4		2			
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		9				1		
5		7	1		9	2		4

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Yesterday's answer ▶

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2	5	7	8	6	4	3	9	1
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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Put yourself forward and take initiative today. Make your own decisions.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You will face many challenges over the next few days, but you have what it takes to survive and to thrive.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 A book or film will broaden your horizons today and raise your understanding to the next level.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Something of a joint nature needs to be handled carefully today, but it also needs you to make a final decision.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Let others know what you are thinking, but don't be too blunt or you may make it harder to get support.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 As a Virgo, you have a serious destiny. You don't know what it is? You will soon. Look at the bigger picture.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Avoid extremes today but don't avoid a challenge. Tackle tough tasks.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 If you are mindful of other people's needs today, you will accomplish a lot. Leave your ego at home.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You've got a lot on your mind, but the answers may come easier if you let your hair down a bit.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Some people need motivating, others need loving. To you, both will come easy. It's the perfect balance.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Do something that makes important people sit up and take notice.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. If there's someone you want to impress, it's time to turn on the charm. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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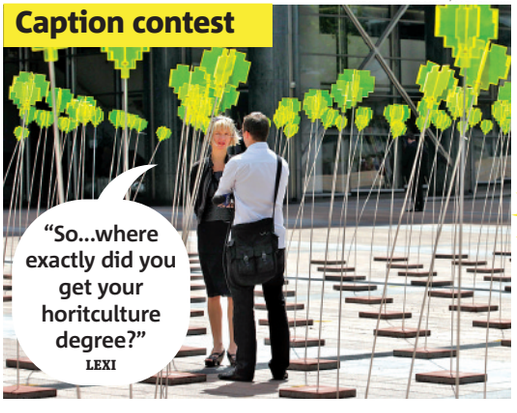

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